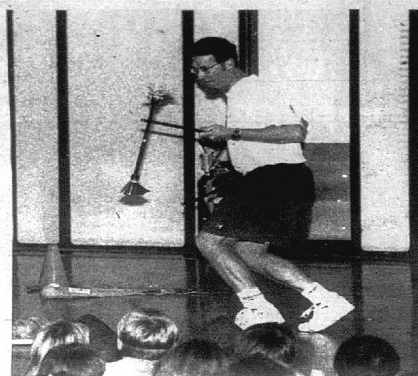
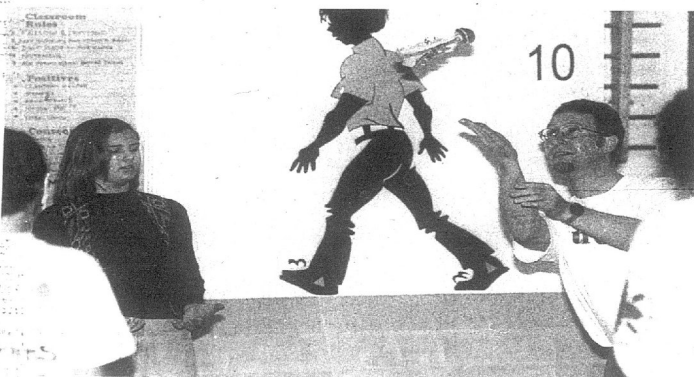


SCHOOL NEWS



Watch this! — In the left photo, a group of Mitchell School students watch entertainer Bill Bethrum, who was visiting the school as part of an assembly presented by Creative Athletics, a program designed to promote cooperative play and encourage self-confidence and good sportsmanship through athletics. Above, Bethrum entertains the students with a set of juggling sticks, a toy with origins in ancient China.



In the right photo, Bethrum juggles with Zachary Hartwick, a Mitchell School fifth grader, and later, in the left photo, bounces a birdie that twirls in the air.



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Obituaries

A. Atchisson

Arthur Dewey Atchisson, 64, of Springfield, died at 4:54 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 1996, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. He was born May 21, 1932, in East St. Louis.

Mr. Atchisson was employed by First of America as ground-keeper. He was a member of Springfield Southern Baptist Church, a 33 year member of Masonic Lodge #1287, and was a former boy scout committee member.

Survivors include his wife, Jean M. (Patsy) Atchisson, whom he married June 23, 1966; one daughter, Carol Joy Peak of Springfield; one son, Arthur Orvel Atchisson, of Springfield; and one brother, Robert H. Atchisson of Fairview Heights.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orvel R. and Jewell H. (Seng) Atchisson; one sister, Nina Mae Atchisson; and one brother, Clifford E. Atchisson.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at St. John's Funeral Home, Springfield. Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at St. John's Funeral Home with the Rev. Michael J. Keppler officiating. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield.

Nelle I. Vartan

Nelle I. Vartan, 80, of Granite City died at 8:25 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996, at her residence. She was born June 27, 1916, in Granite City.

Ms. Vartan was owner of Vartan's Market, 841 Niedringhaus, Granite City. She was a member of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church, Armenian Relief Society, the Ladies Guild of St. Gregory's, and A.A.R.P.

Survivors include one brother, Jack Vartan of Granite City; one sister, Helen Vanetian of Boston, Mass.; three nephews and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Ann (Mouradian) Vartan; and one brother, Charles Vartan Sr.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Mayville Road, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church, 1723 Maple, Granite City, with the Rev. Fr. Vartan officiating.

Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials suggested to St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic

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lary knew Clinton had appointed Riley and so she thought he might like to attend so he could thank the president in person.

"Lakin said Riley had cleared his docket of all cases involving Lakin's firm after the issue came to light.

"I know there were cases on his docket, but I have no idea which ones or how many," Lakin said. "I have over 4,000 pending cases in this office. I can say I have not been before any federal judge and I have never been before Riley."

Lakin said some of the attorneys in his firm may have had cases pending before Riley at the time of the dinner.

"The only thing I can say with any certainty is that Riley has recused himself from all cases that involve my office."

Lakin said he has no idea how many people attended the dinner on his guest list.

"I saw Riley there, but I really have no idea who came and went other than me and my family," he said.

The higher court publicly reprimanded Riley in October then accepted his apology to the court and colleagues.

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P. Diak

Patricia A. Diak, 50, of Austin, Texas, formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996, at her parents' home in Glen Carbon. She was born March 22, 1946, in East St. Louis.

Ms. Diak was a former teacher at St. Theresa's Academy in East St. Louis. She received her master's degree and doctorate in human resources from the University of North Colorado in Greeley, Colo., and served as vice president and director of human resources for Intermedics Orthopedics Inc. in Austin, Texas.

Survivors include her parents, Joseph J. and Josephine J. (Nola) Diak of Glen Carbon; two sisters, Elaine Urbanek of Chicago and Dianne Peabody of Chicago; and one brother, Mark Diak of Mayville.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Mayville Road, Granite City. There will be a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Services are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at St. Cecelia Catholic Church, 155 N. Main, Glen Carbon, with the Rev. Steve Pohlman and the Rev. Jim Voelker officiating.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Memorials suggested to the Cancer Care Center of St. Joseph's Hospital, Kirkwood, Mo.

Lucille Trefftz
Edith Lucille Trefftz, 80, of Pinckneyville died Thursday, Dec. 5, 1996, at Pinckneyville Community Hospital. She was born Oct. 23, 1916, in Pinckneyville.

Ms. Trefftz was a retired worker for Brown Shoe Co. and a lifelong resident of Perry County. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Pinckneyville, the Mary Burke Rebekah Lodge #341, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Elks Lodge of Odd Fellows, Pinckneyville Senior Citizens, and Church United Women.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Lyle and Lena May (Hickman) Trefftz; one sister, Inez Och; and one brother, Thomas Trefftz.

Survivors include a sister, Dorothy Dickerson of Collinsville; three nieces and two nephews.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 7, at First Presbyterian Church, Pinckneyville, with the Rev. Michael Newbert officiating. Burial will be in O.O.F. City Cemetery, Pinckneyville.

Arrangements were handled by Schaeffer Funeral Home, Pinckneyville.

Frank Wendel
Frank L. Wendel, 76, of Granite City, formerly of Edwards-

ville, died at 5 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he had been a patient for three weeks. He was born July 4, 1920, in Granite City.

Mr. Wendel retired from Granite City Steel in January 1984 after working 33 years as an electrician. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and Better Breathers Club at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley M. (Davis) Wendel whom he married Oct. 30, 1949, in Granite City; one son, Edward M. Wendel of Granite City; one daughter, Janice M. Wendel of Houston; a sister, Frances Robbers of Granite City; two brothers, Leonard Wendel of Granite City and Hubert Wendel of DeSoto, Mo.; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Clara (Sae) Wendel; and a sister, Dorothy Burich.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 14, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 2600 Washington, Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Finkler officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Arrangements handled by Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City.

John White
John B. White, 75, of Granite City died at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born Sept. 4, 1921, in Gibson County, Tenn.

Mr. White retired Jan. 1, 1980, from Granite City Steel, where he was employed as a welder. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post #113.

Survivors include four sons, John E. and Charles T. White, both of Granite City, Martin E. White of Pacific, Mo., and Daniel E. White of Las Vegas; one daughter, Charles Smith of Dover, Tenn.; three brothers, Robert Glenn White of Alton, Ill., William White of Springfield, Mo., and Pauline White of Springfield, Mo.; and one sister, Lottie Gifford of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Ann (Poe) White; and his parents, John Thomas and Myrtle Lou (Newell) White.

Services were Friday, Dec. 13, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Mayville Road, with the Rev. John Childers officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Eva Glasgow
Eva M. Bellinger Glasgow, 87, of Albuquerque, N.M., died Thursday, Nov. 14, 1996, at her home. She was born Dec. 11, 1908, in Rice.

Mrs. Glasgow, a homemaker, had been a Granite City resident for 25 years prior to moving to Albuquerque, N.M., in September 1986. She was a

member of Second Baptist Church, 2100 Illinois Ave., Granite City.

Survivors include her daughter, Wanda Weiss of Holland, Mich.; two sons, Ronald Glasgow of Granite City and Neil Bellinger of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two stepdaughters, Lola Hill of Granite City and Nora Sheed of Eminence, Mo.; three brothers, Melvin Jones of Preston, Mo., Dean Jones of Burke, Va., and John Jones of Littleton, Colo.; grandchildren; great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hamilton Glasgow, whom she married April 9, 1961, and who died July 4, 1977; two sons, John Bellinger, who died May 13, 1933, and Curtis Bellinger, who died Nov. 17, 1987.

Services were held Monday, Nov. 18, at Chester T. French Memorial Mausoleum Chapel, Albuquerque, N.M., with the Rev. Steven C. Davis officiating. Entombment was in Chester T. French Memorial Mausoleum.

Howard French
Howard French, 78, of Pontoon Beach died at 6:05 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996, at his residence. He was born March 25, 1918.

Mr. French retired in 1977 from Laclede Steel in Madison after 26 years as a welder's helper. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Essie (Cook) French; three daughters, Norma Little, Suetta Koerberlein, and Tammy French all of Granite City; a brother, Earl French of Oklahoma City; a sister, Lorraine; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Aston and Florence (Combs) French.

Arrangements pending at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

M. Juergensen
Mildred Kathleen Juergensen, 68, of Granite City died at 2:13 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1996, at her residence following a 1 1/2 year illness. She was born Dec. 24, 1927, in Eminence, Mo., and had been a resident of Granite City for 48 years.

Mrs. Juergensen was a homemaker. Survivors include a daughter, Miz Grozovic; one son, Donald Juergensen who died in 1988; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Juergensen who died in 1988; and her parents, William and Mattie (Williams) Powell.

The body was cremated. Graveside services will be held at a later date at National Cemetery.

Arrangements being handled by Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach.

G. Schwendeman
Gertie P. (Thurman) Schwan-

deman, 94, of Granite City died at 1:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 1996, at her residence. She was born Feb. 23, 1902, in Grand Tower.

Mrs. Schwendeman was formerly employed by International Shoe Co. of St. Louis and Neaco Co. of Granite City. She was a member of St. John United Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Claude Schwendeman of Belleville and Millard Schwendeman of Granite City; two daughters, Joan Linhart of Granite City and Peggy Diefenbach of Aurora; 14 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Millard and Bertha (Henson) Thurman; and two sisters, Josephine Cashen and Eva Hensez.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Monday at Thomas Chapel. Services are scheduled for 12 noon, Monday, Dec. 16, at Thomas Chapel, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating.

Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Southern Illinois or St. John's United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City.

Deana Lilly
Deana (Smith) Lilly, 57, of Fairmont City died at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was born April 15, 1939, in Heber Springs, Ark.

Mrs. Lilly was retired owner of Deana's Video in Livingston.

Survivors include her husband Eugene F. Lilly, whom she married in October 1965 in East St. Louis; two sons,

James Lilly of Pontoon Beach and Steven Brewer of New Alhambra; two daughters, Sheila Lilly of Centralia and Donna Elsiepp of DeSoto, Mo.; two brothers, Delbert "Joe" Smith of Marietta and Orville Van Faven of Indiana; two sisters, Connie Hicks of Cahokia and Lillie Stevens of Prim, Ark.; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elbert U. and Gladys S. (Sloan) Smith; one brother, Carl Smith; and one sister, Lena Faye Hines.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 14, at Herbert A. Kessy Funeral Home Ltd., 515 Vandallia, Collinsville, with the Rev. Elroy Harris officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery, Collinsville.

Memorials suggested to the American Heart Association.

Adopt-a-pet Saturday
Madison County Humane Society is holding an adopt-a-pet day from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at PetSmart in O'Fallon.

Puppies, dogs, kittens and cats are available for adoption. The cost of adopting a dog is \$50 and includes a rabies shot, DHLPP, collar, leash, ID tag and \$15 spay/neuter deposit.

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For more information, call the Madison County Humane Society at 344-0109 or 656-4405.

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Hoffman may join Haine's staff

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff Writer

While officials are meeting to name a replacement for Madison County Treasurer John Shimkus, his former opponent also is busy mapping out career plans.

State Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, said he may join the Madison County State's Attorney's Office on a part-time basis after his legislative term ends next month. Hoffman lost to Shimkus in last month's race for the U.S. representative seat in the 20th District.

"I'm looking at doing some prosecution work in Madison County," Hoffman said. "I enjoy making sure the bad guys go to jail."

While he and Madison County State's Attorney William Haine have discussed the idea, no arrangements have been made, Hoffman said.

Hoffman said he also will be practicing law with Becker, Paulson and Hoerner — a firm he has been an associate with for six years.

"I just plan to practice law and spend time with my family," Hoffman said.

Hoffman said many people have pointed out to him what he could be doing — if the election had turned out differently. Hoffman said he doesn't spend his time thinking such thoughts.

Instead, he looks to the future.

"It doesn't do any good to look back — you just keep moving forward," Hoffman said.

"You learn from it all and enjoy the times you had. It really was a fascinating experience to run for Congress."

Hoffman isn't ruling out another political run.

"I may run for something eventually, I don't know," Hoffman said. "It's too early to tell."

Hoffman is a former St. Clair County assistant state's attorney and probation and court services director for the 20th Judicial District. He was elected to the 110th District in 1990.

After redistricting in 1992, he was elected to the new 112th District and re-elected in 1994.



(Photo by DENISE MACDONALD)
Presentation — Terry Zarlingo of Granite City looks at his poster about "Adenosine A1a Agonists Adenosine A2a Antagonists Used in Treatment of Cerebral Ischemia." The poster was in preparation for his senior assessment project.

•Checks•

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envelopes with which to mail the checks back.

"These are actions typical of the federal government," Pitts said. "One hand does not know what the other is doing. All of a sudden, my switch board lights, and I can't explain what the heck is going on."

Harr said that if the people who received checks have spent the money, the FDIC will still ask them to pay it back.

Pitts questioned whether the government will be able to force people to return the money. He said he suspects most of the recipients have spent it.

Stites said he intended to deposit the check in a savings account but hadn't gotten around to it when the letter arrived Tuesday.

Along with the apologetic letter from the office's financial manager, William R. Baucum, there also was a notice for Stites to talk to his bank asking for any penalties to be waived if he had cashed the check.

It was not clear if the money was for interest or principal on the \$20,000 of subordinated notes his father, Frank Stites, had bought. Unlicensed sales people at Germania had sold the uninsured "schemes" illegally during a high-pressure campaign in 1987.

Stites said his father died in 1989 before news of the scheme broke but that the loss "affected my mother's lifestyle." He said his father had bought the notes as an inheritance for him and his three grandchildren.

Frank Duda, a St. Louis lawyer, worked for six years with Wood River lawyer Rod Pitts in representing about 600 holders in recovering their money. Duda said he has not been able to get answers from the FDIC office in Dallas or from the FDIC's general counsel in Washington as to why the checks were issued and then called back.

"It is a bizarre thing. A number of note holders received checks from the FDIC. After these checks were released, I got several different explanations for them. No one will explain the basis for asking for the money back."

"It's very interesting because they claimed all along that they didn't have the money to pay the judgment. We're in the dark. It is a very heart-breaking thing to be toyed with all along," Duda said of his clients.

Although the holders believed they would receive their money after a ruling in September in U.S. District Court, Duda said there has not been a settlement.

Duda said he and Pitts still are representing the holders.

Press on behalf of the note holders. The FDIC hasn't agreed to anything, but we are very hopeful that the case will be resolved by a settlement."

The \$38 "schemes" that were sold in Illinois had a face value of \$6 million and could cost the federal government more than \$2 million in settlements. Also included in the case are another \$4 million for out-of-state investors.

The Office of Thrift Supervision took over Germania in 1990 and then later assigned the task of settling claims to the Resolution Trust Corp. The RTC ruled the "scheme holders" were Class 9 creditors, which meant the creditors were not to be paid until after cash from Germania's liquidation paid depositors and other Class 6 creditors.

The FDIC took over when the trust corporation dissolved Jan. 1.

In September, U.S. District Judge Paul Riley ruled that the plaintiffs who bought "schemes" in Illinois were to get back their investments plus interest.

Riley said since the notes were sold illegally, the holders were entitled to the same status as Class 6 creditors.

Since then, one branch of the FDIC has appealed Riley's ruling, and Duda said he expects a second branch to do likewise.

Stites said he was elated in September to hear of Riley's ruling but the latest twist, "is a continuing saga," he said. He blames the FDIC for not investigating claims Germania made that it had the financial backing for the notes.

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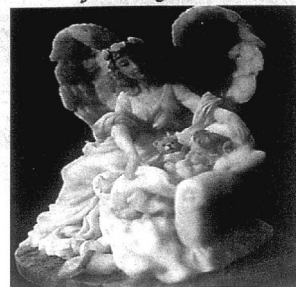
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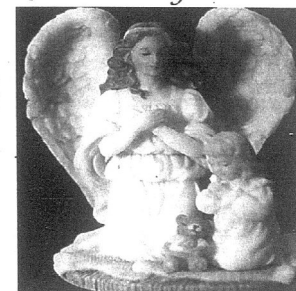
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World War I vet dies For 70 years, he flew the flag

World War I veteran Ira Kirkpatrick of Alton never missed a day to fly the American flag on his front porch. "Every morning for 70 years I got up early to fly Old Glory outside my house," he said on his 100th birthday July 1, 1995. The area's oldest World War I veteran died in his sleep at age 101 at 4:15 a.m. Wednesday at Rosewood Care Center in Edwardsville.

"Ira loved his country with all his heart, and he showed it every day of his life," said Willard Livingston, Kirkpatrick's friend and quartermaster at Alton VFW Post 1308.

"We want to embroider his name in gold on a flag at the Avenue of Flags at the VFW post," he said.

Kirkpatrick was a 20-year-old farm boy from Winchester when he went off to war as an ambulance driver on the battlefields of France in 1918.

"I carried wounded and dying American soldiers from the battlefield to the hospital," Kirkpatrick said in an interview last Memorial Day. "It broke my heart to see a young soldier die in my arms."

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— Willard Livingston
Friend

He came home from the war and spent the remaining 80 years of his life teaching schoolchildren about patriotism. "Dad passed his love for America to his eight children," said his 71-year-old son, Ned Kirkpatrick, a Marine veteran from Hartford.

The old soldier was a familiar face for 70 years in the 120-year-old Upper Alton veterans parade, the oldest Memorial Day parade in the country.

"I'm almost as old as the parade," Kirkpatrick said last year.

He was a life member of VFW Post 1308, and his comrades honored him with

a military funeral Friday at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.

War veterans carried the old soldier's flag-draped casket to the grave with an honor guard of VFW riflemen.

"The VFW military ritual team will fire 21 shots over Ira's casket," Livingston said prior to the service. "We'll salute when the bugler plays taps in memory of the 101-year-old vet."

An honor guard folded the flag on the casket and handed it to Kirkpatrick's family. Besides his son, Kirkpatrick is survived by seven daughters, 39 grandchildren; 80 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Kirkpatrick lived with his daughter, Kathryn Landreth, on Amelia Street in Alton. Neighbors will miss the vet, who hung the flag every day on his porch until he got sick this fall.

"I put the flag up on the porch and then stepped back and saluted it," Kirkpatrick said on his 101st birthday. "Every time I put up the flag I get a tear in my eye."

"I think of my buddies who never came home from the battlefields in France."

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Jet apparently caused loud boom

A Missouri National Guard F-15 Eagle fighter jet traveling at more than 1,000 mph Dec. 6 about 30 miles south of St. Louis was the cause of a loud boom heard throughout the region, a guard spokesman said.

Initial reports that the noise was caused by an explosion at the Chemetco smelting plant near Hartford now appear to have been unfounded.

Maj. Ken MacNevin said the F-15 was performing a maintenance check at speeds above the sound barrier when an air traffic controller ordered it to turn sharply.

The jet had been flying east and was about to cross the Mississippi River into Illinois when it banked to the north while dropping below the sound barrier, he said.

MacNevin said the jet was probably coming upon occupied air space and thus was ordered to turn. The resulting pressure wave could have been heard many miles away, depending on terrain and weather conditions, he said.

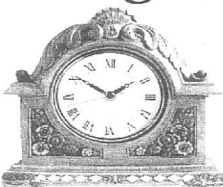
"It's my understanding that on a cold, dry day like Friday, the sound would seem louder," MacNevin said.

He said sonic booms are not necessarily heard by the pilot, although the incident had been reported to the U.S. Air Force because it had occurred in a populated area.

Hundreds of callers had reported the noise to local media and law enforcement agencies, but MacNevin said he had been unaware of the reaction until Tuesday.

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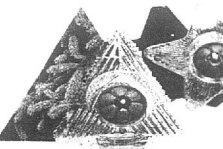
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LOCAL NEWS

Man charged in alleged kidnapping at store

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

A 23-year-old resident of Belleville is being held on \$1 million bail for allegedly kidnapping, raping and robbing an 18-year-old Wal-Mart store

employee Dec. 3. The St. Clair County Sheriff's and Belleville Police departments arrested Anthony D. Gavin, 23, of 717 S. Jackson St., early Tuesday afternoon in a Belleville restaurant where he worked.

Police said Gavin has confessed to the crime. The woman was leaving the Wal-Mart parking lot, 120 Carlyle Ave., at approximately 11:10 p.m. when Gavin allegedly entered the rear door of her 1986 Ford Escort. Police said Gavin was unarmed, but was wearing a mask to disguise his face.

Initially, police had few leads to follow, but St. Clair County Sheriff Mearl Justus said Gavin's quick arrest is a "classic case when citizens get involved."

Officers from both the sheriff's department and Belleville's police department said they received several calls about the incident. Some of the people even identified Gavin by name, Justus said.

One individual even made a comment about Gavin's red jacket," he added. "Some people who knew him called in and said he was acting strange."

Police offer safety tips

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

Police are urging everyone to take the necessary precautions when going to and from their vehicles after the recent arrest of a Belleville man for the assault, kidnapping and robbery of an 18-year-old Wal-Mart employee.

Making sure you are aware of your surroundings and those individuals around you is one way to protect yourself, Fairview Heights Police Capt. Mike King said.

"Know where you're going and walk directly to your car," he said. Before leaving your vehicle, you should look for a reference point so when you come back out of a store you will know exactly where you are going, King said.

Shopping complexes, such as St. Clair Square, label each section of their parking lots with either numbers or letters, giving the shopper a point of reference when returning to their vehicle.

When you do walk out to your car, walk with confidence, not fear. "Keep aware of what is around you and make it obvious you are looking around, but not to the point where you draw attention to yourself," King said.

If you do feel uncomfortable walking to your vehicle alone or feel as though someone is in the area that should not be, King said not to hesitate in going back inside the store you just left and asking for assistance.

"Don't be afraid of abandoning your car. Go and ask someone to come out with you," he said. Many times individuals say someone looking suspicious or out of place was in the area before a crime occurred, but no one bothered to call security or the local police department, King said.

The two departments jointly investigated the case because Wal-Mart is located in Belleville city's limits and the alleged rape occurred in an unincorporated area in the county.

Sheriff's Detective Steve Johnson said Gavin only planned to rob the victim initially to help support his crack cocaine habit. "He got \$30," he said. Gavin, who is not a registered sex offender, has told police he had smoked \$200 worth of crack several hours before the assault. He has also confessed, Johnson said. Police said Gavin had sought treatment for his drug habit. "He went one time, but said he didn't like it," Justus said.

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Christmas can Brian Daubach the other day. In addition to the Venezuela Baseball League he can look to be in March with Marlins major league. We're all ex-Dale Daubach's shortly after season Brian, who's from Valencia, relieved more in the all-star news. After 79 games Venezuelan seas hitting .348 — the league and the other player with league experience. A 6-foot-1, 201-lb. baseman, Brian by the New York and played for the organization for As a seventh-year free agent if not the Mets prior to major league debut. Amazingly, at 1990 Belleville V School graduate the Mets did not opening the door and any other. "The Marlins many lefthanded majors or in the organization," Daubach. Among the other organizations interested in Brian Daubach, Baltimore, but showed the most since it was Daubach out in last AA playoffs. In a best-of-five Florida's Devil over the Bingham Mets, Daubach home runs game in the top inning and another game into extra. During the 15th hit .296 at Bingham home runs and in his 129 hits also featured 2 on-base per. During a game Norfolk, Va., or International L. 204 with two returning to Bingham. A 264 career minor leagues slowed by a knee suffered while racquetball in 1992. He hit 2 Pittsburgh, Va., while wearing his right knee. An increase and RBIs (an

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Art Voellinger Daubach makes move to Marlins

Christmas came early for Brian Daubach of Belleville the other day in many ways. In addition to being chosen to the Venezuelan Winter Baseball League all-star team, he can look to spring training in March with the Florida Marlins major league team.

"We're all excited," said Dale Daubach the other day shortly after speaking with his son Brian, whose phone call from Valencia, Venezuela relayed more information than the all-star news.

After 70 games of the Venezuelan season, Brian was hitting .348 — the third best in the league and higher than any other player without major league experience in 1996. A 6-foot-1, 201-pound first baseman, Brian was drafted by the New York Mets in 1990 and played for that organization for seven seasons. As a seventh-year pro, Daubach would have been a free agent if not protected by the Mets prior to the recent major league draft of minor league players.

Amazingly, after sending the 1990 Belleville West High School graduate to Venezuela, the Mets did not protect him, opening the door for Florida and any other organization.

"The Marlins do not have many left-handed hitters in the majors or in their organization," said Dale Daubach.

Among the other organizations showing prime interest in Brian was Baltimore, but the Marlins showed the most, especially since it was Daubach, who stood out in last fall's Class AA playoffs.

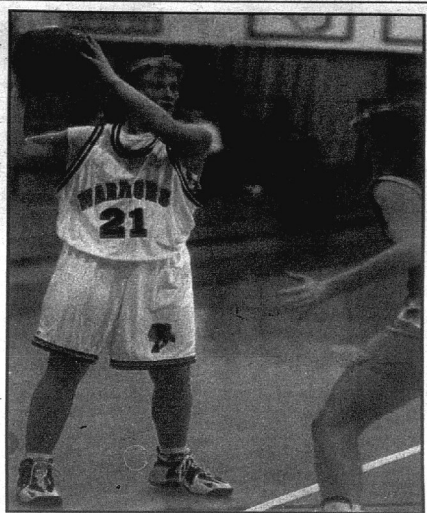
In a best-of-five series won by Florida's Double A team over the Binghamton, N.Y. Mets, Daubach hit the first two-run home run — one to win a game in the top of the ninth inning and another to send a game into extra innings.

During the 1996 season, he hit .296 at Binghamton with 22 home runs and 78 runs batted in. His 120 hits in 122 games also featured 22 doubles and an on-base percentage of .403.

During a brief stint at Norfolk, Va., of the Class AAA International League, he hit .264 with two doubles before returning to Binghamton.

A .264 career hitter in the minor leagues, Daubach was slowed by a knee injury suffered while playing racquetball in the offseason in 1992. He hit .242 that season at Pittsfield, Va., in Class A while wearing a huge brace on his right knee.

An increase in home runs and RBIs (an average of 73 (See ART, Page 4B))



Staff photo by JOHN FRESI

Tournament time — Carrie Simpson and the Granite City Lady Warriors play Dec. 26-28 in the Mascoutah Invitational.

Red Devils (2-1) prepare for Dupo

By Brian L. Jones
Correspondent

The Venice High School Gymnasium should be rocking Tuesday night when the Red Devils (2-1) play their season home opener against the rival Dupo boys basketball team.

Tipoff time is 8:15 p.m. for the junior varsity game, followed immediately by the varsity clash. Venice fans who didn't travel to either of the three previous road games will get their first look at 6-foot-5 transfer student Marcus Allen, who has lived up to his billing as an entertaining newcomer.

Allen averages 20.8 points per game, leads Venice in steals, plays the point man in the 1-2-2 fullcourt press, starts at forward, and also defends against some guards. He also hit two of Venice's five 3-point jumpers in the opening 54-43 loss at Freeburg on Dec. 3.

"Marcus has been doing it all for us," said Venice coach Clinton Harris. "He had 32 points (last Tuesday) against Wesclin. He got most of them on the fast break filling the lane for the easy dunks and layups. He's very quick and agile for his size, which is why he gets so many steals."

Allen and his teammates could use the psychological security of their home environ-

ment to settle into a more consistent pattern of executing their vaunted fast-break offense. Harris said his Red Devils were out of control during the Freeburg loss. Mistakes were fewer during subsequent victories of 68-42 on Dec. 6 at Springfield Calvary and 76-48 at Wesclin.

However, Calvary and Wesclin both are undergoing major rebuilding campaigns, so the improving version of the Venice team has yet to be fully challenged. Dupo is only 4-4, but the Tigers always seem to take the Red Devils to the final buzzer.

Harris is counting on the return Tuesday of senior point guard Kevin Roberts. Roberts has had the flu and was held out of the Wesclin game. He scored a season-high 19 points against Calvary, so Harris feared he was going to be missed against Wesclin.

Instead, senior Don Matthews slid over to the point guard position and delivered in the clutch with 14 points.

The Red Devils average three 3-pointers per game and Matthews and Allen have combined for all but the one Roberts scored against Calvary. (See VENICE, Page 4B)

Triad wrestler Moore lives up to high expectations

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

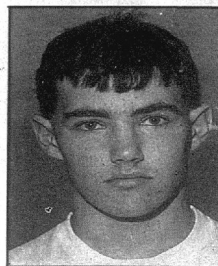
Expectations can be a tough thing to live up to. So far Triad High senior wrestler Luke Moore is living up to his.

Moore begins his fourth and final varsity season with a vision of qualifying for the state tournament dancing in his head.

Anything short of an appearance at Assembly Hall in Champaign would be a disappointment. He narrowly missed qualifying last season when he finished fourth at the sectional tournament. The top three wrestlers from each weight class advance to the state tournament.

He has started this season in fine fashion with a 7-1 mark while racking up a whopping 42 team points in those eight matches. For his efforts he named the Illinois Journal's Cardinal Club Athlete of the Week.

"He has wrestled really well for us this year," Triad wrestling coach Russ Witzig said. "He had big test on Tuesday when he wrestled against (Tom) Riggins from Roxana. (Riggins) is a returning state champion. Luke got tech failed but that was the first time (Luke) has wrestled him and



Luke Moore

not gotten pinned. I still think he can make a lot more improvements.

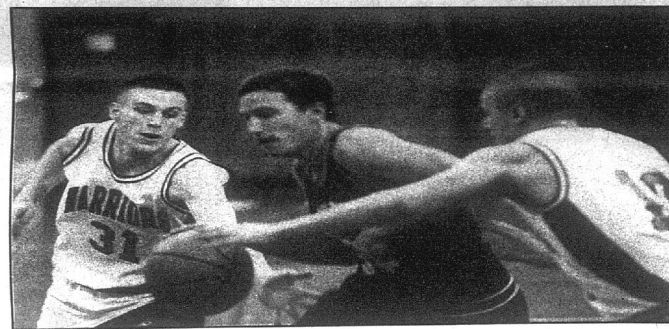
Other than that match he has had a bunch of pins or won by a forfeit. He really hasn't been challenged other than the Riggins match. He's been doing really well."

While no wrestler is happy with a loss, Witzig believes the early season loss to Riggins could actually benefit Moore and cause Moore to work that much harder in the practice room.



"I'm glad that happened to him," Witzig said. "I would to see him wrestle some more tough matches because when you are on the mat less than two minutes a night you really don't get a chance to wrestle. The more tough matches he has the rest of the year will better prepare him for when he gets to the end of the season."

Moore has made a steady and noticeable improvement since he found himself a spot in the varsity lineup his freshman year. He won 12 matches as a freshman, 21 as a sophomore and 32 as a junior. His seven to date this season give him 72 in career. Witzig believes (See MOORE, Page 3B)



Staff photo by JOHN FRESI

Granite City's Ray Smith (left) and teammate Tim Wallace battle for a rebound.

Slow-starting Redbirds rally to beat Warriors

By Louie Kovac
Correspondent

One day after playing poorly in the Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout, the Alton Redbirds remained flat for three quarters before finally coming alive.

Trailing 40-37 going into the fourth quarter, the Redbirds got on a 10-0 run to go ahead 47-40 and they never looked back Friday night, topping the host Warriors of Granite City 63-57 in a Southwestern Conference matchup.

With the win, the Redbirds improved to 7-2 overall and 1-1 in league play. The loss dropped the Warriors to 2-2 and 0-1 in league play.

The Redbirds were led by a quartet of players in the victory. Senior forward Marlon Crawford, after scoring 11 points in the Shootout, rebounded with a stellar effort, scoring 12 points and dishing out a game-high 11 assists, including five in the fourth quarter.

Senior guards Jared Ramsey and Rodney Mike chipped in with 17 and 12 points, respectively, for Alton.

Redbirds coach Ron Smith wasn't necessarily impressed with the win, but nonetheless said he was happy to get it.

"Well, I'm pleased with the win," he said. "We came in here after an emotional game at the Kiel Center and I was a bit worried about this one."

Smith had good reason to be worried until the fourth quarter.

"The 10-0 run to start the quarter was key," he said. "We really found the seams and talked about getting the ball in the corner and slashing the guard forward, and it was there."

Smith said he was pleased with the effort of Crawford, particularly in the fourth quarter. "Crawford had the five assists in the fourth."

he said. "He really was able to set some people up and we hit the shots for a change."

Second-chance baskets were factor in that fourth quarter, as the Redbirds were able to crash the boards and clean up their misses, which they failed to do throughout the rest of the game.

Smith credited the Warriors for giving his squad a tough battle.

"They are a very physical team and (coach) John (Van Buskirk) does a really nice job with them," he said. "They are always well-prepared."

Smith admitted he wasn't pleased with the way his team played in the first two quarters.

"We didn't shoot the ball real well in the first half," he said. "We were only 2-for-8 from 3-point range and 11-for-22 overall."

The Redbirds seemed to really show more life and jump in their game in the final eight minutes and Smith noticed things falling into place then.

Despite their 7-2 mark, Smith said he would like to see some consistency out of his team.

"We've been up and down all year, and the thing you have to remember is that everybody is starting to make adjustments," he said. "Everybody is finding out what you can do on and they are going to try and make you play to your weakness, so we need to how maturity and patience."

Smith was most pleased that his squad was able to get its first conference win.

"Other than the state tournament series, conference play is the next important thing," he said. "Partly because all these conference schools are in our sectional and we want to be ranked as high as we can."

Granite City, 2-2 overall and 1-2 in the SWC, plays Friday at Belleville East and plays host to Jerseyville next Saturday.

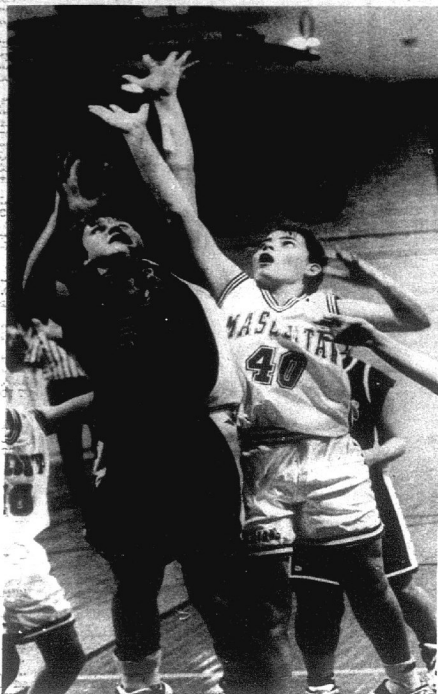


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Stick around — Granite City's Bob Pritchard tries to stickhandle his way past a pair of CBC defenders.

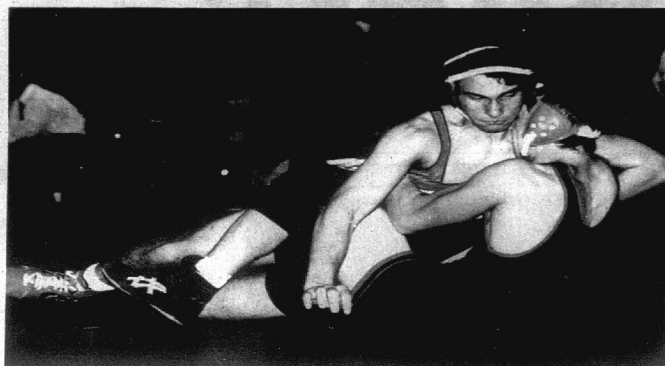
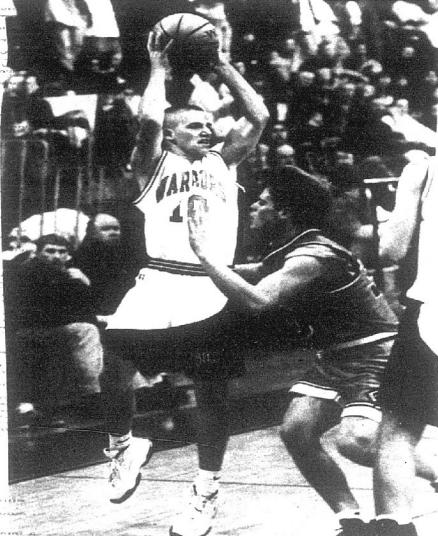
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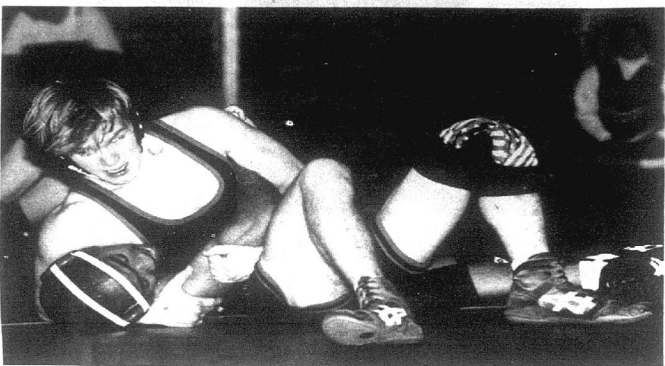
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Above: Granite City's Jessica Wallace (5) and Mascoutah's Kristen Thompson battle for a rebound. Below: Warriors junior Mike Ahlvers prepares to pass the ball.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Above: Granite City's David Thompson wrestles Edwardsville's Matt Riesenburger in a 152-pound match. Below: Edwardsville's Don Sanders puts a hold on the Warriors' Mike Glover in a 119-pound match.



Prep hockey

Mid-States Club Hockey Association

Standings (Through Dec. 11)

Division A				
Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
DeSmet	6-1-0	16	56	11
CBC	7-0-1	15	81	14
Waynes	4-3-1	9	32	25
St. Mary's	2-6-2	8	22	48
SLUH	2-5-1	6	20	29
Chaminade	2-6-0	4	20	38

Division B				
Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Parley South	5-3-1	15	29	18
Oakville	4-1-2	10	33	17
Parley Central	4-4-0	10	38	32
Webster Groves	4-4-0	8	32	25
Kirkwood	2-3-1	5	18	29
Parley West	1-6-2	4	17	44

Division C				
Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Howell North	7-0-1	15	51	20
Hazelwood Central	7-1-1	15	33	25
Granite City	4-5-1	9	50	44
Francis Howell	3-4-1	7	28	31
Ladue	3-6-0	6	23	38
Whitfield	1-6-0	2	22	62

Division D				
Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Rockwood Summit	4-4-1	8	40	42
Fox	3-5-1	8	38	36
Marquette	3-5-1	7	33	26
Lafayette	3-4-1	7	28	31
Parley North	3-5-1	7	42	42
Mehlville	0-6-0	0	11	36

Lewis named to IBCA Hall of Fame

By Tim Carley Correspondent

When Lincoln High basketball coach Bennie Lewis went to his mailbox on Dec. 6, he probably had a million different things on his mind. His team was preparing for its first Southwestern Conference game, but he found something in the mail that took a little of the edge off his anticipation.

On that Friday, Lewis was notified through the mail that he will be inducted next year into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

"I went out to the mailbox and found the letter," Lewis said. "This is quite an honor and accomplishment. I really feel honored that my peers nominated me for the IBCA Hall of Fame."

Lewis has seen and done everything possible for a coach on the high school level. He has won state championships and coached several outstanding players on standout teams.

Among some of the better players he has coached include LaPhonso Ellis, who played at Notre Dame and now is with the NBA's Denver Nuggets; Cuzzo Martin and Ian Standish, who both played at Purdue University; and Vincent Jackson, who starred at Kansas.

But even with the talent he has coached, being elected into the IBCA Hall of Fame still renders Lewis fairly emotional when he considers that he is (See LEWIS, Page 38)

Sports shorts

GCSS soccer dinner
The Granite City Soccer Alumni will hold a dinner and dance party Dec. 21 at the Elks Lodge, 4801 Maryville Road. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The Legendary Oliver Sain Band will perform beginning at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 and must be purchased by Dec. 18. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are available at The Medicine Shoppe, Jim's Cuts and Styles or by calling 452-7836 or 876-1409.

Boys basketball tournament
The annual KMOX Metro Collegian Boys Basketball Tournament will be held Dec. 20-22 and Dec. 27-29. There are divisions for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth-grade teams, with a three-game minimum. For more information, call Joe at (314) 840-0498 or Bryan at (314) 291-5521.

BAC soccer clinic
Belleville Area College will hold a winter soccer clinic from 7-9 p.m. on Dec. 9, 16 and 23 at BAC's intramural gym, 2500 Carlyle Ave. The clinic is for players ages

10-18; limited space is available. Instructors are Larry Petri (head coach at BAC), Chad Lignoul (assistant coach at BAC), Phil Aleman (head coach at Belleville East), Bill Houck (head coach at Belleville West), Dave Stosberg (head coach at Althoff) and John Van Buskirk (Indiana University graduate and current German professional). For more information, call the BAC athletic department at 235-2700, extension 271.

"RJ" Krause All-Stars
The "RJ" Krause All-Stars Sports Club of East St. Louis is seeking basketball games and tournaments for boys and girls teams in grades 3-10. The club also needs sports equipment, uniforms, cheerleading outfits, used basketball shoes, sports magazines, books, games or trading cards. For more information, call Krause at 398-1201.

Winter basketball camps
FCA Sports Camp and Belleville Area College coach Neil Fiala will hold winter hitting and pitching camps at the BAC campus, 2500 Carlyle Road. Sessions are available at 9

a.m. and 1 p.m. on Dec. 26-28 and 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 5-7. Hitting camps are \$65 per session and pitching camps are \$45. For a registration sheet, call 235-2700, extension 371 during the day or (314) 487-2768 in the evening.

All-star tryouts
The St. Louis International Youth Baseball Association will select an all-star team to play baseball in Australia in March 1997. The team is open to boys born March 30, 1985, or later. For more information, call Al Bond at (314) 845-3032.

Soccer tourney
The fifth annual Murphy Sporting Goods/Sprite Christmas Soccer Tournament will be held starting Dec. 16 at the Dellwood (Mo.) Soccer Complex. The tournament is open to boys and girls recreational teams who both played at U-16 and boys and girls select teams from U-9 through U-17.

The cost is \$150, with a three-game guarantee. Recreational teams will not play select teams. For more information, call (314) 867-2254.

Terry Eddleman Billiard League

Men's League		C Division		E Division	
Standings after 14 weeks		Scores		Scores	
A Division		Steel Inn 113, El Gato 0		Don & Brenda's 1565	
Gabby's #1	1499	Don & Brenda's	1553	American Legion	1556
Side Pocket	1490	Lin's Place	1530	T.J.'s Bar	1554
Lenny's	1472	Old Bridge Inn	1474	McMurphy's	1531
Gabby's #2	1429	V Lounge	1506	Besserman's	1530
Im Between	1413	Hooch & Sixteen	1492	J.D.'s	1510
The Break	1394	Besserman's #2	1394	Top of Landing	1501
Besserman's #1	1352			Steel Inn	1447
Scores		Steel Inn 118, Ken's 95		Scores	
Im Between 105, Gabby's #1 102				T.J.'s 107, McMurphy's 91	
Lenny's 116, The Break 67				American Legion 139, Steel Inn 79	
Side Pocket 118, Besserman's #2 81				J.D.'s 108, Besserman's 106	
The Break 101, Gabby's #2 99				Dover Inn 118, Ken's 95	
Runs From Break		Runs From Break		Runs From Break	
Dave Landmann (The Break)		Ken Fairall (Don & Brenda's)		Ken's Lounge	
Bill Taormina (The Break)		Mike Kmetz (Hooch & Sixteen)		Mike Hendrix (American Legion)	
Mark Kimbro (Side Pocket, twice)					
Mike Dawson (Side Pocket)					
Frank Scaturro (Lenny's)					
Tim Connor (Lenny's)					
B Division		D Division		F Division	
Finlay Line	1581	Top of Landing	1618	Ken's Lounge	1604
Village Inn	1530	Don & Brenda's	1590	Buzz's	1592
AI's 530 #1	1504	Fourth St.	1514	Ken's Tap	1582
Wayside #1	1502	Village Inn	1477	Hot Shots	1543
Sammy's	1481	Hooch's	1475	Carol's Hideaway	1433
Wayside #2	1477	Ken's Lounge	1381	AI's 530	1430
Jim & Lu's	1416			Club House	1304
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AI's 530 #2 110, Wayside #2 102		Top of Landing 127, Ken's 101			
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Kenmy Whitehead (Village Inn)		Tom Johnson (Lin's Place)		Tony Carvey (AI's 530)	
		Tom Turner (Lin's Place)			

Hooch & Sixteen.....	1541	Buzz's.....	1449
Goodfellows.....	1513	Scores	
Xtra Innings.....	1511	Buzz's 115, Side Pocket 105	
Legacy Golf.....	1465	Wayside 127, Im Between 89	
Club House.....	1459	Eddie's 111, Gabby's 97	
L.A.'s.....	1454	Fourth Street 102, Steel Inn 101	
Rizzo's.....	1364	Steel Inn 104, Eddie's 101	
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By Tim Carley Correspondent

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Lancers lose in overtime

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

The Belleville East Lancers didn't earn a victory at the Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout, but they had to come away feeling good about the rest of the season.

Playing Thursday night at Kiel Center against Minneapolis North High School, the Lancers (2-1) rallied from a 19-point deficit and sent the game into overtime before losing 79-70. The Polars were ranked 17th in USA Today's preseason poll and have one of the nation's top point guards in senior Khalid El-Amin.

"We kept the crowd that stayed interested," said East coach Doug McCrary, whose team played the final game of the two-day, 12-game event. "At the beginning of the second half things looked pretty bleak, but we kept hammering away. We had a pretty good bench and they got us back in the game."

The Lancers got a game-high 25 points from 6-foot-3 senior Erick Greene, who also had 10 rebounds. Junior Josh Helbig recovered from a cold first half to score 13 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter.

"We showed a lot of effort and a lot of pride," McCrary said. "They're pretty quick, and their speed caused some of those turnovers."

El-Amin, a 5-10 senior, led a balanced Minneapolis North attack with 18 points, while senior Kevin Holley and junior Kerek Taylor scored 12 points each.

"It was a similar game to what we played in Peoria last year," McCrary said, referring to a quarterfinal loss to New Trier in the Class AA state tournament. "We came out and just didn't play our normal game, but we scratched and clawed and came back to make it respectable. I don't know what causes it, but I just hope we don't do it a third time."

Minneapolis North, taking advantage of its speed, jumped off to a 28-17 lead after one quarter. The pace slowed in the second quarter and East got within six points on a basket by Greene, but the Polars led 36-26 at halftime.

The game appeared headed for a blowout midway through the third quarter, as Minneapolis North increased its lead to 47-29. East got within 12 points (54-42) entering the final period on a 3-pointer by Helbig.

The fourth quarter belonged to the Lancers, who cut the Polars' lead to 53-59 on a steal and layup by Helbig with 2:32 to play. A 3-pointer by Helbig made the score 53-62, and another two-point shot by Helbig, with 1:22 remaining, tied the game for the first time. Minneapolis North held the ball in order to take the last shot, but East knocked the ball away from El-Amin when he tried to drive through the middle.

"Near the end of the game, they had a real easy time getting the ball inside to No. 33 (Greene)," said Polars coach Robin Ingram. "Once we saw the game get out of hand, we had to change our defense. We went to a half-court trap."

In overtime, East took a 69-67 lead on a basket by Greene with 2:45 to play. Greene grabbed the rebound after Minneapolis North missed a shot, but the Polars quickly came back and tied the game on a basket by Holley.

"(Greene) had the ball and they popped it up out of his hand," McCrary said. "They had him covered pretty good."

For the remainder of the game, East could manage only one point, on a free throw by Mike Todd. A fast-break by Ozzie Lockhart with 23 seconds remaining made the score 77-70 and clinched the win for the Polars.

Attendance for Thursday's session at the 16th annual Shootout was 12,359, bringing the two-day total to a record 17,499. This is the first time the event has been a two-day affair.

Helbig, Greene lead way as East makes comeback

By Karen Vartanian
Staff writer

For the better part of three quarters, Belleville East's Coca-Cola/KMOX 1120 Shootout debut was a yawner.

Two-time defending Minnesota Class 4A state champion Minneapolis North led by 11 after a quarter and swelled the advantage to 19 midway through the third period.

Most of the Kiel Center crowd began to depart. And that's when Belleville East heated up.

The Lancers parried their deficit to 12 heading into the fourth quarter.

Six straight points from 6-3 senior forward Erick Greene kept East close at 58-48.

Junior Josh Helbig then went ballistic. In addition to a steal and subsequent layup, the 6-3 forward hit two free throws and a trio of three pointers, including a bank shot that tied

the game at 65-65 with 1:22 left.

The opening 2 1/2 minutes of overtime also provided high suspense, as Minneapolis North deadlocked the contest 69-69 with 1:44 left before outscoring Belleville East 10-3.

"We kept the crowd who stayed interested," Belleville East coach Doug McCrary said. "It was fun. It wasn't fun losing, but it was fun playing in this game."

After blowing a 10-point lead, an obviously fatigued Polar Bears squad appeared on the ropes.

But behind the leadership of 5-10 senior guard Khalid El-Amin, who scored 19 points, Minneapolis North stayed off an emotionally charged Lancers unit in overtime.

"We've been in that situation before," said El-Amin, who had several family members in attendance. "It shows the character of this team. We

stood together and pulled it out in overtime."

El-Amin said the win was emotional.

"This was the first year a Minnesota team was invited out of town," El-Amin said. "And I think we're going to prove something. And I think we made the most of it."

Although his team prevailed, coach Robin Ingram was not wishing Dixie.

"It was pretty ugly," Ingram said. "We lost our patience and we rushed our offense. We kept letting them get inside too easy. And we were pretty much out of gas. When we went into the overtime, we got lucky a few times."

According to McCrary, a bench play and fatigue helped Belleville East's comeback. (See EAST, Page 48)

Prairie State Games raffle offers trips, sports prizes

Prairie State Games officials have put together a "Grand Raffle" certain to capture the interest of sports enthusiasts throughout Illinois.

The raffle, which runs through Dec. 24, will benefit the Prairie State Games (Illinois' largest amateur sports festival) and Meet the Need (a project headed by local busi-

nesses and civic leaders to renovate athletic and recreational facilities throughout the Metro East).

First prize is a trip for two to NIK's world headquarters. The winners will spend four days and three nights at the Marriott Hotel in Portland, Ore. The trip, which includes air fare, also includes a per-

sonal lunch at the NIK's campus and an opportunity to shop in the NIK's employee store and receive exclusive discounts on all items purchased.

Second prize is two tickets to the 1997 NBA All-Star Game to be held Feb. 9 at Gund Arena in Cleveland. This package also includes air fare.

Third prize is a Panasonic 27-inch television and a bookshelf stereo.

Tickets are \$3 per chance, and you do not have to buy a single ticket to win in the PSG Grand Raffle. The person who sells the most tickets in the raffle wins a complete NIK's apparel package, which (See RAFFLE, Page 48)

Moore

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Moore has a chance to reach the century mark in career victories. If Moore does pick up an additional 28 wins this winter he would be the first Triad in more than 10 years to eclipse that mark.

He is also trying to become the first Knight wrestler to qualify for the state tournament in 11 seasons.

Moore didn't plan on taking his final year of high school wrestling lightly. He spent the

off-season getting himself prepared.

He wrestled all summer long. Wilz said. "He went to camps and went to tournaments all summer long. He wrestled for the Metro-East team that wrestled at the junior national duals at SIUE, which had kids from Oklahoma and from other states. It was kids that you wouldn't normally see and I think that will help any kid out."

Lewis

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recognized among the elite basketball coaches in the state of Illinois.

"It feels real good to be joining all of the other great coaches and players," Lewis said. "It was really special to join all other great coaches and I really appreciate being nominated."

This year's version of the Tigers stadium was the start of the season, but seems to have things turned around. After a disappointing start to the season at the Rock Island Invitational, the Tigers rectified the situation against Belleville West. Lincoln utilized its size and quickness to defeat West and give Lewis his first SWC win.

In the Rock Island Tournament, we played pretty bad against Rock Island, but came back and played well against Chicago Dunbar, Lewis said. "(Against Belleville West) we came out and played better and we were able to beat a good team on its home floor, which is very encouraging for me as a coach."

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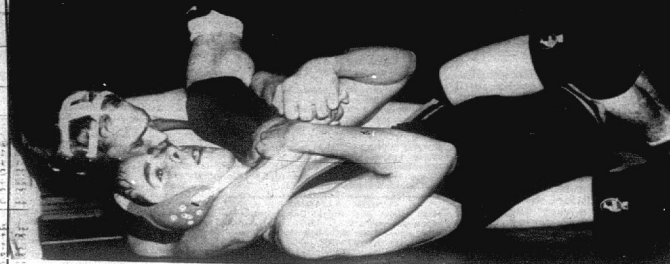
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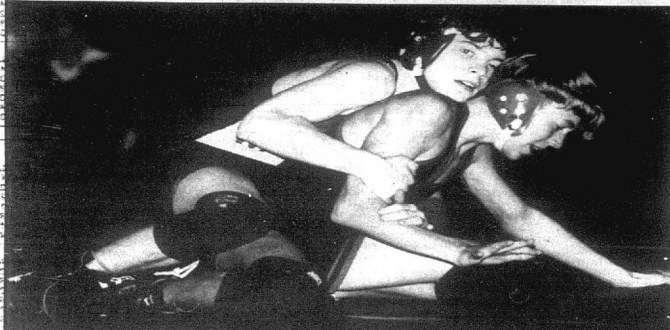
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Above: Granite City's Jonas Janek gets a headlock on Edwardsville's Brian Hommert during a 145-pound match. Below: The Warriors' Paul Johnson wrestles Edwardsville's John Mercer in a 112-pound match.



Maroons get first win of season

By Tim Carley
Correspondent

The effort on Friday night was the same by the Belleville West, but the result was more of what Maroons coach Bill Schmidt has grown to love in his tenure as basketball coach of the Maroons.

The Maroons utilized a career-high 28 points by junior forward David Miller to defeat East St. Louis 76-62 Friday night in Southwestern Conference basketball action.

"I thought we had a good basketball game tonight,"

Schmidt said. "One thing I'm proud of is that we've put together three consistent efforts and gotten better each week. We got the victory tonight and it is just a reward for the hard work by the kids."

Miller was the main man for the Maroons all night.

He torched the nets at West Gymnasium for 12 points in the third quarter to help West extend its 35-32 lead at the start of the quarter to 60-51 at the end of the period.

Miller scored on a variety of tough inside moves after his

teammates got him the ball inside the lane.

"David has played well for us since the first day of practice and he shot the ball nicely tonight," Schmidt said. "The big thing tonight was that the guys got him the ball in a position to score."

West improves to 1-2 overall and 1-1 in SWC play. The Flyers fall to 1-4 overall and 1-1 in SWC action.

The effort was not what East St. Louis coach Dwight Howard expected from his team after defeating SWC confer

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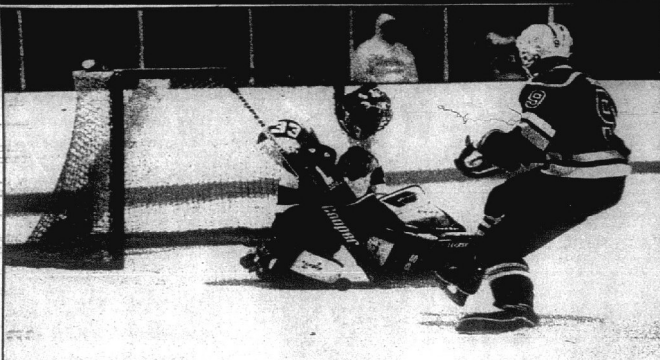
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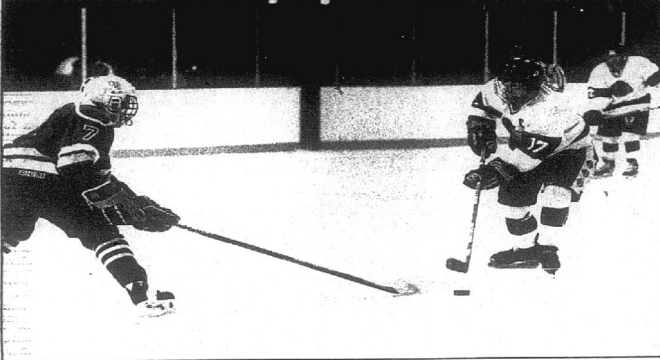
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SPORTS



Above: Granite City goalie Tony Evans make a stick save against CBC. Below: The Warriors' Mikal tries to elude a CBC defender.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

•East

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"Fatigue can make you do strange things," McCrary said. "We were worn out and started attacking the rim a lot better."

With 5:48 remaining, Helbig had just five points and one 3-pointer. Over the next 4:26, however, Helbig netted 13 points and dazzled the remaining crowd with his scintillating display that climaxed with a game-tying 3-point field goal. "I started off slow, and I couldn't hit anything," Helbig said. "It had a lot to do with playing here. I've been watching this (the Shootout) since fifth grade. It was different playing in from of so many people."

As for the bank shot, "That was my play from the sideline," McCrary quipped.

•Maroons

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once rival Collinsville last week. Howard was extremely displeased with the effort his team gave on the defensive end of the court.

"We are the worst defensive club in the Southwestern Conference," Howard said. "The name of the game might be basketball, but to win you've got to play good defense. But you've got to give it to West, they shot the eyes out. The bottom line is we stunk on defense." Miller was not the only standout on offense for the Maroons on Friday night. The Maroons as a team dropped home six 3-pointers on the evening.

Junior guard Bryan Swift came down four 3-pointers and finished with 16 points. Ben Wan-

less had two trifectas and added 14 points.

East St. Louis was led by Eddie Johnson and Spencer Hughes, who finished with 25 and 16 points respectively.

The last chance came for the Flyers when they started fouling the Maroons with just over three minutes left in the game. Like the entire game, West found the bottom of the net when it needed to and hung on for the victory.

West made 9-of-13 free throws in the final minutes to seal the outcome of the game. "This game tonight showed that during crunch time, we can execute and put the game away," Schmidt said. "With a young club like we have, the only way you can learn how to do it is to go out on the court and actually do it."

•Venice

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Junior guard, Ladwell Collins came off the bench to also help cover for Roberts and scored seven points against Wesclin. The Warriors trailed only 15-11 after one quarter before Venice made an 18-9 run for a 33-21 halftime lead.

"Really, we didn't start pulling away from Wesclin until the last quarter," Harris said. "We started letting our big break going. They were missing shots and we started running and hitting our layups and free throws. The guys are just now getting into shape and that's why we've been improving every game. They need to be in condition, because we don't have a very deep bench and we're still trying to run whenever we can."

Junior 6-foot forward Shondell Matias scored six and three points, respectively, in the last two games. But other than Collins, no Venice reserve has scored in more than one game. Freshman center LaRon Cole (6-0, 175) had four points against Wesclin and senior forward Raymond Douglas (6-0) had his only two points against Calvary.

"If we ever get into foul trouble with Marcus Allen and (6-4 sophomore center) Charles Cotton, we're going to be in trouble," Harris said. "We really don't have a true big man off the bench. Marcus was in foul trouble (against Calvary) and that's why he only had 14 points that game. That would have been his best game if he didn't sit out the whole second quarter with fouls. He had 15 rebounds that night."

Cotton has been the team's top rebounder, grabbing 10 against Freeburg and 14 against Wesclin, including six on the offensive end. But Harris would like to see him improve on his scoring average of 6.3 points per game.

Fun forward Jam Edwards (6-2) has been quietly productive with his 10 points per game. Roberts leads the Red Devils in assists.

After Dupu, Venice plays one more game Thursday at Livingston before competing in the Freeburg-Columbia Holiday Tournament on Dec. 26-30.

"The Christmas tournament is really what we're building up to as far as seeing what kind of team we have," Harris said.

•Raffle

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includes a cap, a polo shirt, a warm-up suit and a pair of NIKE footwear.

"When we decided to put together this fund raiser a few months ago, not only did we want to generate additional funding for, and awareness about, the Prairie State Games, but we also wanted to give something back to the local community," said Matthew Moore, executive director of the Prairie State Games.

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WEEK 16 LEADERS
High games: Bob Bates, Calvin Johnson Nursing Home, 298
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Miller Genuine Draft 28, Busch Mountain Men 49
Scoring leaders: Busch Mountain Men — Mark Siefert 730 (238-225-242), Miller Genuine Draft — Dennis Knepper 724

•Art

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per season) followed, and Daubach was on a path that caught the eye of major league scouts like Rich Hacker of Belleville, who witnessed one of Daubach's two-home run games last season.

As a lefthanded batter, Brian drew even more attention last season by hitting .400 against lefthanded pitchers. Another favorable statistic is that he has grounded into just 39 double plays in his pro career.

Line drive hitter Daubach thus has much to look forward to, including the conclusion of the Winter League and the Caribbean Series, his 25th birthday on Feb. 11 and Melbourne, Fla., site of the Mar-

lin spring training. All that, not to mention Christmas.

EXTRA INNINGS: While reducing his strikeouts per at-bat ratio also has been a plus for Daubach, the same applies to DaRonch Stoval, the switch-hitting Althoff grad who remained in the Montreal 40-man major league roster.

Slowed last summer by a shoulder injury suffered when he dove for a fly ball while playing in Class AA Harrisburg, Pa., Stoval hit over .400 in 17 games in Florida before returning to Class AA Harrisburg, where he hit .321 with 10 home runs in 74 games.

A six-year pro, Stoval turns age 34 on Jan. 3.

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BUSINESS

Long-term care insurance valuable

Financial Focus is provided as a free service of the Granite City Journal and Jeff Prosser of Edward Jones investment firm.

Most working people pay 7.65% of their wages into a trust fund that they don't believe will ever pay them back.

According to a recent study sponsored by Third Millennium, a non-profit organization of young Americans, only 9 percent of Americans between the ages of 18 and 34 believe Social Security will be able to provide them with retirement benefits. What's more, about two out of three believe the Social Security program won't even exist by the time they retire.

Despite this growing pessimism, Social Security today affects almost every American. Employees pay FICA taxes, and employers match those taxes. These taxes pay for a variety of services for many people—not just retirement benefits.

Here's a breakdown of Social Security benefits.

Retirement - At age 62, Americans become eligible to receive monthly Social Security retirement benefits. The amount received is based on a variety of factors, including years in the work force and the amount of FICA taxes paid during those working years.

During your working years, the Social Security Administration credits your earnings to an account in your name. To make sure these figures are correct, check your account at least every three years. Go to your local Social Security office for a copy of the "Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement." Complete and mail it, and you'll receive a personalized statement of the earnings credited to your account. If you're under age 65, you'll receive an estimate of the benefits you can expect to collect. If you find the information in error or you want more detailed information, contact your local Social Security office.

Disability Insurance - This

is particularly important to families during the working years. The Social Security disability benefit assures you regular income if you're unable to work because of illness or disability. The disability, of course, must be permanent or expected to last over a prolonged period.

Survivors Insurance - This is life insurance protection. If a Social Security recipient dies, this insurance may provide payments to survivors.

Medicare - This provides hospital and medical insurance to people age 65 and over. With the growing costs of private insurance, most older Americans have come to depend on Medicare. Medicare benefits also are available to some people under 65 if they have been receiving disability benefits for a specified period or meet other conditions.

Much discussion on Social Security reform focuses only on retirement. In the above-mentioned study, 82 percent of the survey respondents said they could achieve a higher rate of return

by saving on their own. Seniors, however, tended to disagree. Looking back, only 28 percent said they could have done better.

If the Social Security retirement program was dismantled, how would the other benefits be funded? Although the survey offered no specific recommendations, the most popular idea among both young adults and seniors was to base benefits on need, regardless of how much an individual pays into the system. Another popular suggestion, favored by almost half of the seniors, was for the wealthy and upper middle class to pay income tax on 100 percent of the Social Security benefits they receive.

No doubt, there are a number of problems with Social Security—and at least as many possible solutions. But rather than throwing the baby out with the bath water, the entire Social Security system, along with all of its benefits, should be evaluated.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

New owners — Nick Jakich, the new owner of Corral Liquors on Nameoki Road, and his wife, Mosey, at the store.

Newsletter offers help to families needing day care

Currently, more than 50 percent of mothers with infants are in the labor force, and many report that affordable quality day care is scarce.

About 10 percent of full-time workers (the percentage is expected to grow in this decade) are caregivers of elderly relatives. Dependent care is also difficult to find.

To address the many challenges facing working family members, the Cooperative Extension Service is offering a quarterly newsletter to dual

income or working single parent families.

Articles are short and timely to fit into sometimes hectic time schedules of working people. Topics include time saving tips and bits of information dealing with food, nutrition, health, family relationships,

parenting, family finances, lawn and gardening, consumer buying, public issues, time management, personal development and safety.

If you are interested in receiving the Working Families newsletter, send your

name, address, and phone number to the Madison-St. Clair Extension Unit, P.O. Box 427, 900 Hillside, Edwardsville, Ill. 62025, along with a check for \$3 payable to the University of Illinois. The \$3 subscription fee covers postage and handling.

Students pass CPA exam

The following students have passed the Becker CPA examination:

Belleville — Linda Vander-Pluym and Kristine Chiu.
Bryese — Lisa VonBokel.
Collinsville — Kyle Huber.
Edwardsville — Jennifer Bain, Angela Benson, Susan Eickhoff and Donna Peartree.
Glen Carbon — Bradley Hicks.
Maryville — Mark O'Connor.
Millstadt — Elizabeth Welbe.
New Baden — Gladys Pfeil.
O'Fallon — Thomas Boster and Chris Ahart.
Okawville — Timothy Backs.
Waterloo — Jennifer Lenhardt.

The National CPA Examination is a two-day exam administered every May and November by the State Board of Accountancy. More than 70,000 candidates sat for the last exam; generally only about 20 percent of those taking the exam pass.

The Becker CPA Review Course is the nation's largest preparatory course for the exam. More than one third of those passing in the USA each year are students of the Becker Course. It is offered in more than 130 cities.

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Naney joins Granite City Realty

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Naney, a multi-million dollar producer, recently received the silver and bronze awards for selling and closing more than \$1 million in property the past year. She is a member of the Granite City Board of Realtors and the Southwestern Illinois Regional Multiple Listing Service.

She and her husband, Alan, are lifelong residents of Granite City and the parents of two sons, Jason and Jaron.

Naney invites all her past acquaintances to stop by and see her at her new location. She is looking forward to meeting new customers and extends a warm welcome to new clients needing professional advice in buying or selling real estate.

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Childbirth classes to be offered

St. Elizabeth's Hospital of Belleville will begin its next Prepared Childbirth Classes in January. Each class consists of four sessions held once a week.

The first class will meet on four consecutive Tuesdays beginning Jan. 7. The second class will meet on Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 8. The sessions are held from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in St. Elizabeth's Health Education Building, Room 601, at 220 West Lincoln Street in Belleville.

For those who have previously taken the Prepared Childbirth Class, St. Elizabeth's Hospital offers a Prepared Childbirth Refresher Course. This course reviews relaxation techniques, and consists of two classes. They will be held Jan. 6 and 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the hospital's Centennial Room. A fee of \$10 is payable at the first class.

A Sibling Preparation Class, offered for children ages 3 to 10, is on Monday Jan. 27. The class gives the children an opportunity to develop positive feelings about a new sibling and become familiar with the hospital setting.

A class on the fundamentals of breast-feeding will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The class is open to expectant mothers and nursing mothers. There is a fee of \$10.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. To register for the classes of your choice, call the hospital's Mother Child Center at 234-2120, extension 1730.

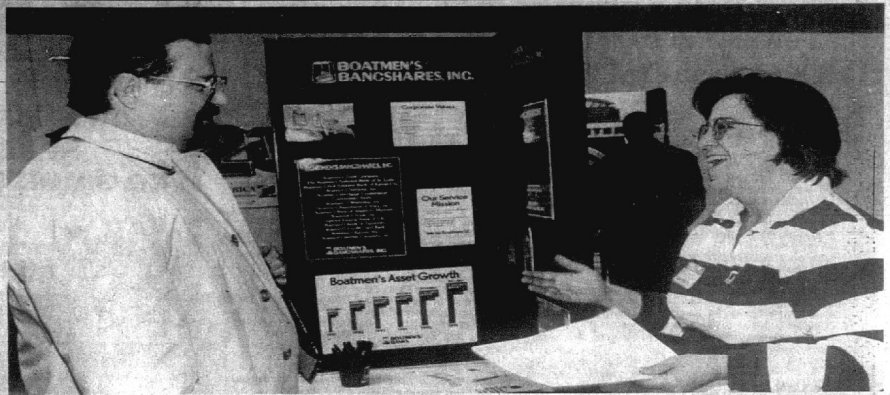
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Job Fair — Jim Williams of O'Fallon, above, discusses career opportunities with Lori Carr of St. Louis during Belleville Area College's Job Fair '96, held at the college's Granite City Campus. At right, Valerie Willis of Madison talks with Collinsville city employee Joseph Giglotti, secretary of the city's Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, during the fair. Nearly 70 regional employers were on hand for this annual event, sponsored by BAC's Career Placement Center.

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Anyone wishing to redeem their possessions should call before December 28, 1996 to bring their account current.

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Christmas dinner slated

The Logan Street Church of Christ will be conducting its 12th Annual Christmas Dinner at noon Tuesday, Dec. 24, at the Senior Citizen's Building, Brown and Klein Streets, Venice.

The church will be giving free clothes and preparing food baskets for citizens to take home.

In addition, they will be delivering dinners to the sick and to shut-ins.

For reservations or more information call 876-3362 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Dec. 18, through Monday, Dec. 23.

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LOCAL NEWS

Fewer shopping days may make Christmas gifts late

With fewer shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year there are also fewer shipping days. John Ulakey, owner of Pony Mailbox, recommends people plan to get their gifts to friends and relatives who live far away in time for the holidays.

Although the total volume of packages shipped is anticipated by United Parcel Service and Pony Mailbox to be only slightly higher than last year, the shorter period compresses these into a higher daily volume. This makes handling and coordination resources particularly strained.

UPS puts on additional drivers and rearranges the pickup times to try to adapt to the additional load experienced during the holiday season. Although Pony Mailbox offers UP Postal along with UPS shipping, UPS provides delivery tracking so delivery times can be checked. Also, UPS tends to get packages to destinations more according to a definite time schedule.

"Last year UPS did a terrific job of getting packages to their destinations for the holidays," Ulakey said. "Most packages were delivered within the average time during more normal times of the year."

However, to ensure holiday gifts are delivered in time for the holiday, Bob Gordon, United Parcel Service corporation packaging manager, recommends customers allow an extra day to the normal delivery time. Delays are primarily due to the added volume during this season, potential weather delays and supplementary drivers used.

Shipping professionals, such as Ulakey, and Associated Mail and Parcel Centers, AMPC, recommend keeping aware of the time it takes gifts to get to their destinations in order to use the cheaper ground rates available. Last minute shoppers/shippers have to pay a premium to get their packages to their destinations on time for the holidays.

Ulakey suggests, to get packages to the West Coast and other states west of and including Arizona, Utah, Wyoming and Montana, they should be shipped by Dec. 16. For packages going to the East Coast, New York, Florida and other states on the East Coast, and also the Dakotas, Texas, and New Mexico should be shipped by Dec. 17. Gifts going to areas closer to us in the Midwest states should be shipped by Dec. 18.

Ulakey has been notified UPS will only be delivering next day air packages on Dec. 24. Therefore, any ground packages shipped late risk not being delivered until after Christmas. Also, UPS does not give time definite nor money back guarantees on UPS 2nd and 3rd day packages after Dec. 10.

For shippers convenience, Pony Mailbox will be extending its hours from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays during the holiday shopping and shipping season from Dec. 7 through Dec. 21.

Ulakey said his association, AMPC, offered these tips to help speed delivery of your UPS package:

✓Have a complete and current street address. Verify the address if practical. A complete, accurate and legible address helps to ensure timely delivery.

✓Use an address label, 3-by-5-inch card or white scratch paper of similar size. PONY supplies labels which meet these guidelines to its customers free. Writing on the box is discouraged as it makes it difficult for the package sorters and delivery drivers to read.

✓Address information includes: Name, street address (UPS and FedEx cannot deliver to PO box addresses), and zip code. Include apartment, unit or lot number when applicable. Telephone numbers are very helpful for rural addresses.

✓Place address label on the top of box, away from seams and sealing tape.

✓Use only one address label per box.

Milestones

Doris and Gail Johnson will celebrate their 55th anniversary today, Dec. 15.

Janet Sue Wells will celebrate her birthday today, Dec. 15.

Amy Martin will celebrate her birthday Dec. 16.

Denise M. Cook will celebrate her 35th birthday Dec. 17.

Chelsea Burdge will celebrate her 5th birthday Dec. 17.

Doug Parks will celebrate his 30th birthday Dec. 17.

Nicole Diane Bailey will celebrate her 18th birthday Dec. 18.

Jason J. Rainwater will celebrate his 15th birthday Dec. 19.

Jimmy Joe Turner will celebrate his 12th birthday Dec. 19.

Alexander J.N. Siedhoff will celebrate his 3rd birthday Dec. 19.

Dawn Marie Staggs will celebrate her 16th birthday Dec. 19.

Betty Eichelberger will celebrate her 41st birthday Dec. 20.

Laura Marshall will celebrate her 14th birthday Dec. 20.

Yoshiko Thomas will celebrate a birthday Dec. 20.

Tim and Amy Robbins will celebrate their 6th anniversary Dec. 21.

Jennifer Smiddy will celebrate her 13th birthday Dec. 21.

Debbie Marshall will celebrate her 38th birthday Dec. 21.

John Sammes will celebrate his 56th birthday Dec. 21.

Lifeguard course offered

The YMCA of Southwest Illinois will teach the National YMCA Lifeguard Course at the Belleville YMCA Center, Saturday, Dec. 21, through Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Participants must be accomplished swimmers and at least 16 years old within four weeks of completion of the course.

The course includes classroom instruction and practical work in personal safety, lifeguard techniques, first aid and CPR certification.

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"Project Trim" is held in Memorial Hospital's auditorium.

The exercise program is held at Belleville Health and Sports Center, 1001 S. 74th Street, Belleville

Information:

Class size is limited. To register, call Memorial's Community Relations Department at (618) 257-5649.



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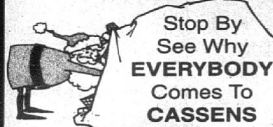
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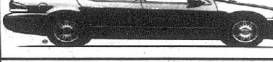
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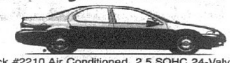
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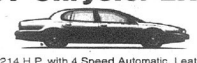
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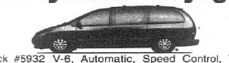
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Crisis center gains recognition

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

Billie Jean Marsh knew the Women's Crisis Center Shelter Shop was going to grow even after one month.

"At first, we learned by hook and crook," she said Friday.

Ten years later, the shelter shop continues to grow and expand.

Monday, the Women's Crisis Center of Metro-East board of directors recognized the shelter shop founding members and the 100 volunteers who work at the shop today.

Billie Jean and John Marsh of Belleville were among the shop's founders. Other founders recognized included Martha Decker, Mary Beth Schlosser, Lee

Mikesell, Kay McCoy, Nancy Hilgard, Norman Hake, Peg Schmidt, Shirley Callison, Norman Greenberg, Jane Hanselaben, Norman Wagner, H. Kenneth Reynolds and Katherine Philip.

Billie Jean recalled two of the center's board of directors approaching her about starting the shop 10 years ago.

"That was quite of a surprise," she said. "I never really did anything like that before," said Marsh.

Billie Jean said her first job was finding a place for the shop and volunteers to oversee it.

The first shelter shop was located across the street from the present shop, which is located at 745 E. Main St. in Belleville.

Over the years, the shelter has been

run totally by volunteers.

All of the items sold at the shop are donated by area communities and all of the proceeds are given directly to the Women's Crisis Center.

The Women's Crisis Center is for women and children who are trying to escape violence in their homes.

Last year over 2,000 people received services offered by the center, said Alicia Chillemi, the center's director of development.

"Last year we counseled 1,680 women, answered over 300 hotline calls and assisted 1,446 calls from men and women who were seeking orders of protection," she said.

School menus

Granite City Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuit and jelly, fresh orange half; lunch: Pizza, sliced carrots, pineapple chunks.

Tuesday — Breakfast: French toast sticks with syrup, cup of cherries; lunch: Toasted ravioli with meat sauce, garlic cheese bread, mixed vegetables, fresh apple wedges.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cereal, fresh banana, toast with jelly; lunch: Baked turkey roast, bread dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, peach cobbler.

Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cup of raisins; lunch: Ham and cheese on deli bun, whole kernel corn, slice of bread, mixed fruit cup.

Friday — Breakfast: Pop tart(2), applesauce with cinnamon; lunch: Fish on bun, macaroni & cheese, peas, apricot halves.

Madison Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast; lunch: Ravioli with meat sauce, peas, mixed fruit, bread.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cinnamon pretzel; lunch: Meat loaf, potatoes & gravy, carrots, pudding, bread.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuit; lunch: Hot dog on bun, oven fries, blueberry cobbler.

Thursday — Breakfast: Pop-tarts; lunch: Fried chicken,

baked potato, green beans, dinner rolls, ice cream cup.

Friday — Breakfast: Bagel, jelly; lunch: Nachos with meat, soft pretzel, carrot and celery sticks, applesauce.

Venice Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Burrito, fruit cup; lunch: Rotini noodles with meat sauce, tossed salad, sliced bread, pineapple chunks.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Eggs, grits, sausage; lunch: Cheeseburgers on bun, potato rounds, corn, cake with caramel icing.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin; lunch: Chicken wings, peas and carrots, mashed potatoes, fruit.

Thursday — Breakfast: Hot cinnamon roll; lunch: Hot dog on bun, baked beans, fruit.

Friday — Breakfast: Toasted bagels, cream cheese or jelly; lunch: Tuna salad, corn, potato chips, fruit.

Holy Family

Monday — Macaroni with meat sauce, cheese chunks, lettuce salad, bread, baked apples.

Tuesday — Chili cheese, fritos, carrot and celery sticks, peanut butter cup, jelly with fruit.

Wednesday — Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread, cookie.

Thursday — Sloppy Joe on bun, sliced cheese, pickle, French fries, corn, cherry crisp.

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Safety center gets OK

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

The Fairview Heights Police Department has been given the green light on the public safety center at St. Clair Square after

a short delay.

The center was put on hold until given approval by the new owners of St. Clair Square, CBI & Associates Properties, Inc., based in Chattanooga, Tenn. The shopping complex last month and projects in the works at that time were put on hold until further notice.

According to St. Clair Square General Manager Kelly Keahney, construction on the new public safety center will begin in January. Officials had originally hoped to have the center up and running by the holiday season after receiving approval from the Fairview Heights City Council in October.

Council members approved the funding of the \$37,000 center which will be manned by St. Clair Square security officers and will be available for use by Fairview Heights police officers. Under a seven-year agreement between the city and St. Clair Square, the city will pay for renovations to the 2,000 square foot site, which is located on the west side of the mall by Famous Barr.

"I'm happy that we're going to proceed with the center," said Fairview Heights Police Chief Roger Richards.

In the past, Richards said he was told the center could be completed within 45 days, once construction began.

Renovations to the center include removing an existing hallway and some storage space. The space will be provided rent-free to the police department, with the mall paying utility costs. In addition, the public safety center will be accessible to the public from the parking lot and may even be used for various meetings by both the city and the community.

Currently, any official business conducted by the police department must be taken back to the station. With the new center, the work may be completed at the site.

Woodmen to meet

The Granite City Modern Woodmen Camp 3791 held its monthly meeting at Ravanelli's Thursday, Nov. 21.

MWA presented Ravanelli's a U.S. Flag to be used in the meeting rooms in appreciation of their cooperation in making our social hours a success. A traditional turkey dinner was enjoyed.

Members and guests were asked to mark their calendars for the Dec. 19th meeting.

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Sherlock Holmes Madness Mystery held in Lebanon

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

Those who venture to Lebanon Saturday will be charmed and sometimes alarmed.

The Lebanon's Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its first Sherlock Holmes Moonlight Madness Mystery from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The mystery is being held in conjunction with the merchant's annual moonlight midnight sale.

Several familiar faces will be trying to crack the case, including the great detective himself, Sherlock Holmes, and his trusted friend and associate, Dr. John Watson.

How the mystery works — Contestants must be at 18 years of age or older to receive a clue sheet and be eligible for a prize.

— All downtown participating stores will have a window poster designating them as a participant.

— All stores will have clue

sheets and the final clue so customers can start or finish at any point along the trail.

The trail (this is a secret) will lead customers to all the participating business establishments in the downtown area.

A "safety valve" for any customer not choosing to complete a clue (or enter a particular establishment) is included on the clue sheet.

These contestants simply need to find Sherlock Holmes or one of his associates to sign off on that clue.

A few clues will involve looking for a person along the trail of the crime.

Each clue will be in the form of a rhyme and will

reveal the name of a participating store.

When the player solves the clue and goes to that location, he will need the store owner to sign or stamp the clue sheet showing he's solved the crime, but not before performing a small task.

For example, a visually challenged pachyderm will listen without fail, as you sit upon the liars bench and spin a wheel of a tail.

The answer to this rhyme is the Cross Eyed Elephant store. Your task would be to sit on a bench and tell a lie.

When a player completes their clue sheet, whatever store they are in will give them the final clue that tells

the location of the missing item needed to solve the mystery.

When the player reaches the final destination, his completed clue sheet will allow his name to be entered into a 7:15 p.m. drawing for the prizes, including a \$100 grand prize.

Everyone who solves the mystery will get a small gift. Players will also encounter a few characters along the trail of the crime. For instance,

in order to legally nab the thief and retrieve the booty, the player must be deputized by Sherlock Holmes, Dr. Watson or the Bobby on duty.

Other events are planned. There are several other events planned in connection with the mystery, including free train and survey rides.

There will also be a free Baker Street Journal display at McKendree College's Library. The library will be

open from noon to 5 p.m.

Meanwhile, the store, "And Thistle Dew" will be the site of a book signing by Dan Malan.

Malan, from St. Louis, will be signing his new book called "The 45 Lost Engravings" from 4:30-10 p.m.

Malan's book contains 45 illustrations from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" which had previously been lost.

Applications open for Mrs. St. Clair County

Applications are now being accepted for the title of Mrs. St. Clair County International, an official preliminary to the Mrs. Illinois International Pageant, which is to be presented at the Woodstock Opera House May 31 and June 1.

The woman chosen as Mrs. St. Clair County will become an ambassador from the St. Clair County area and will receive the official title, sash and crown pin.

The woman chosen as Mrs. Illinois International will be presented a grand prize package including full sponsorship to the Mrs. International Pageant and a cash donation to her favorite Illinois charity to name a few.

Competitions will include interview, aerobic wear and evening gown.

There is no swimsuit or talent competition. Partial proceeds from the event will benefit the Illinois Special Olympics.

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Tips Ensure Gem of a Deal

(NU) - Looking for a fine jewel to give this holiday season? How can you be sure you know what you're getting? Is it really the quality you've been told it is?

The American Society of Appraisers offers the following tips to help you make your jewelry purchase:

• Find a jeweler you can trust whose salespeople have a background in gems and jewelry. A salesperson who was selling shoes yesterday will not be giving you the best advice about your jewelry purchase.

• If you're buying a diamond, remember that its quality is measured by an established grading system. If you're told a stone is of a particular grade, be sure the person who graded it has gemological diploma credentials, such as a graduate gemologist diploma, a certified gemologist diploma or is a

fellow of the British Gemological Association. Many diamonds, particularly those of fine quality, will have a grading report from a major gem lab such as GIA or EGL.

If you have any doubts about the stone, be sure you can return it if the report of a qualified appraiser shows a discrepancy in grading. An honest jeweler will back up his or her grading. Also, get the grades of the stone in writing on your sales receipt.

• Colored stones, like rubies and emeralds, have a much more complex grading system and small differences in color and clarity can lead to large differences in cost.

The color you enjoy the most may not necessarily be the most valuable. Compare different stones and choose the color you like best. Usually, the fewer inclusions in the stone, the more valuable it is. Colored stones vary more widely in price than dia-

monds, so shop around and get the most for your money. Don't hesitate to get the opinion of a qualified appraiser, and if in doubt, make sure you can return the item to the store.

• Be sure you know whether the gems you're considering are natural. Many popular gemstones can now be laboratory grown. A well-educated gemologist and appraiser can tell the difference. For example, sapphires are often treated with diffusion, which is an artificial coloring method, and a new method of filling fractures in diamonds is making industrial-use diamonds available for use in jewelry. There is nothing wrong with buying or selling these treated stones, as long as the buyer knows they have been treated.

To find a designated gems and jewelry appraiser in your area, call ASA toll-free at 1-800-ASA-VALU (1-800-272-8258).

HOLIDAY

Keep Pets Healthy At Holidays

News USA

(NU) - The holidays may be your favorite time of year. But for pets, the season is fraught with hazards. Call it too much of a good thing: chocolate candy, gift wrap and tree decorations, turkey with all the trimmings. All can be dangerous for dogs and cats.

Here, from the vets at Veterinary Pet Insurance, are some suggestions to keep the holidays safe for the four-legged members of your family.

• Don't share holiday chocolate with pets. It acts as a stimulant and may cause increased heart rates, seizures, coma and even death.

• Keep Christmas decorations like tinsel and gift wrap away from cats who love to play. They're danger-

ous toys — when ingested by cats, they can cause an intestinal blockage or tear.

• Leftovers, like ham and chicken bones, should be kept away from pets, as they, too, can cause severe digestive problems that could require surgery.

• Keep preservatives for trees out of reach, along with electrical cords. Other holiday hazards include mistletoe and poinsettia plants — both are poisonous.

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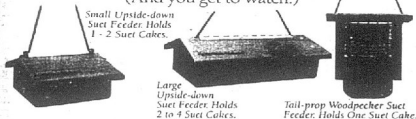
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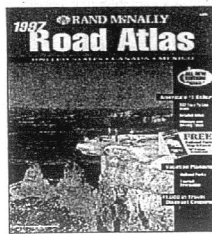
Rand McNally Celebrates 125th Year of U.S. Parks

(NU) - More than 275 million people visit U.S. national parks each year. To celebrate the parks' 125th anniversary, Rand McNally has published the "1997 Rand McNally Road Atlas" with tips for visitors looking for unusual and undiscovered park attractions.

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The "1997 Business Traveler's Road Atlas" offers a wealth of travel information, including "quick-stop" tourist attractions to put a little vacation into your business trip. The wire binding lets the atlas open flat, and it fits easily into a briefcase or car-door pocket.

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HOLIDAY TIPS

(NU) - The idea of giving or getting an adorable puppy or kitten as a holiday gift is almost irresistible. But have you considered the long-term consequences?

Many of those cute, cuddly gifts are an unwanted surprise. "Although the animal is adorable, it will take a dedicated owner to keep it happy

and healthy," the American Animal Hospital Association says. "People need to be aware of the responsibilities involved before giving a pet as a Christmas present."

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Things That Go Burp in the Night

Holiday Overindulgence Can Lead to Nighttime Heartburn

News USA

(NU) - The holiday season is a good time to gird yourself against GERD — gastroesophageal reflux disease, the most common symptom of which is heartburn.

Eating at late-night holiday parties provides all the ingredients for a bad case of nighttime heartburn. Eating and drinking certain types of foods or beverages and overeating shortly before bedtime also are culprits that can trigger GERD.

Gastroesophageal (pronounced gastro-esof-a-jel) refers to the digestive system. Reflux refers to the backwash of stomach contents into the food tube.

More Than a Nuisance
Heartburn and associated symptoms are a common health complaint, afflicting more than half of American adults at least once a month.

For many, the burning sensation is temporary and usually occurs during daytime. Symptoms can be managed with over-the-counter remedies to neutralize acid contents in the stomach.

Many people, however, find that heartburn wakes them at night and is a constant source of discomfort for which antacids provide little or no relief. If neglected, it can lead to an inflamed esophagus and bleeding and narrowing of the esophagus, which may result in difficult swallowing.

Causes of Nighttime Heartburn

GERD and heartburn are "motility" disorders — those that affect the movement of food through the digestive system. Three factors involving motility can cause reflux symptoms: sluggish clearance

of the food tube; a weakened muscle of the "control valve" between the esophagus and stomach known as the lower esophageal sphincter (LES); and slow stomach emptying. A strong LES muscle helps to prevent food backup.

Treating GERD

Antacids and acid reducers can neutralize acid content in the stomach. But for symptoms of a weak LES muscle or slow contractions in the esophagus or stomach, no amount of such agents will work.

Perhaps the most promising treatment of motility-related gastrointestinal disorders such as nighttime heartburn lies with prokinetic agents such as Propulsid, which increases the overall motility of the digestive tract and reduces reflux.

GIFTS FOR KIDS

Books, Toys Give Children "Goosebumps"

News USA

(NU) - "Goosebumps," the #1 bestselling book series authored by R.L. Stine, created by Parachute Press and published by Scholastic — and the top-rated TV show on Fox Kids Network — is sending chills up the spines of boys and girls everywhere with videos, toys, apparel and other creative merchandise.

In fact, there are so many terror-ific "Goosebumps" products available that creative parents can easily plan a spooky kids party at Hal-

loween or any time of the year.

Here are a few tips for throwing your own "Goosebumps" party:

• Mom or dad can turn down the lights and read passages from one of R.L. Stine's scary books or cue up one of the home videos.

• Coordinate decorations with "Goosebumps" paper products — plates, napkins, hats, banners and balloons.

• Board games, puzzles, and playing cards can play on till the wee spooky hours of the night.

Soap, Soup, Shelter Are Basic in Fight Against Hopelessness

(NU) - Some folks think of The Salvation Army as bell-ringers at red collection kettles at Christmas time or operators of thrift shops around the country.

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The international charitable and religious movement started more than 130 years ago, operates a vast range of programs for men, women and children, young and old.

There are food programs for the hungry, shelters for the homeless, substance abuse programs for men and women, disaster relief services, employment counseling and education opportunities and day care facilities for both children and adults.

The Salvation Army works with pregnant unwed teen-agers, prisoners, people looking for missing relatives, and the down-and-out. For more information, contact your local Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army of today follows the same philosophy as its founder, William Booth, who believed that in order to reach those in need he had to minister to their physical as well as spiritual needs.

Salvation Army's Music Carries Timeless Message

(NU) - The message of joy and worship heard in Salvation Army music this time of year — from brass bands with bell-ringers to choirs and carolers — can be heard throughout the year. Just listen.

On a global level, the The Salvation Army's National Capital Band has traveled from Canada and New Zealand to Scandinavia and Estonia. The group also is internationally known for its compact disc recordings of music for brass.

Similarly, the USA Southern Territorial Band & Songsters has toured the United Kingdom, offering audiences a program ranging from razzamattaz to the message of the gospel.

At the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, the music of world renowned Salvationist composer/conductor James Curnow was played whenever the Olympic flag was displayed. Another Curnow composition commemorated the first anniversary of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

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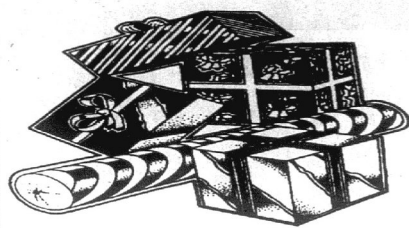
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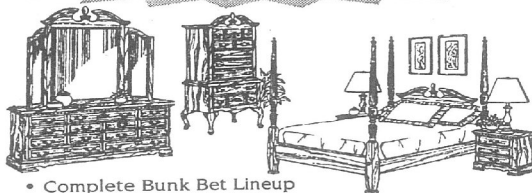
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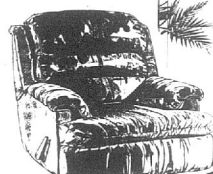
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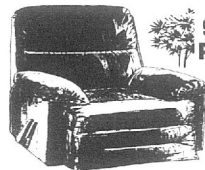


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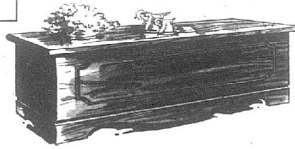


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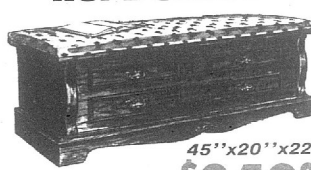
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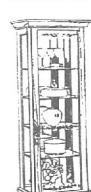


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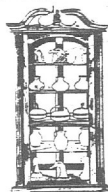
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Illinois cracks down on hepatitis immunization for kids

New Illinois immunization regulations require all students entering the fifth grade after July 1, 1997, to have received three doses of hepatitis B vaccine.

In addition, children 2 years of age or older enrolling after July 1 in pre-kindergarten programs operated by a school will need to show proof of hepatitis B immunization.

The first two doses of the vaccine are to be given four weeks apart, and the third shot must be received at least two months after the second.

"Since it takes a minimum of three months to complete the three-dose series of shots, parents of children who will be affected by the new requirements should begin planning the immunizations now," Dr.

Hopkins said. "The vaccine will provide protection against a very serious disease, which has no cure."

Hepatitis B is caused by a virus that attacks the liver and is spread by direct contact with the blood or body fluids of an infected person. A baby can get hepatitis B from an infected mother during childbirth. A person can be a carrier of

the disease, but know it and have no symptoms, and unwittingly spread it to others. State law requires that all pregnant women be tested for hepatitis

B early in their pregnancies or at the time of delivery. Babies who get hepatitis B at birth may have the virus the rest of their lives, can spread the disease and may develop cirrhosis of the liver or liver cancer.

The Illinois School Code was amended this year to include the hepatitis B immunization requirement. The new law requirement applies to fifth graders in all schools and to

children 2 years of age or older in all school or school-district operated programs such as nursery school or early childhood-school or pre-kindergarten. Children enrolled in

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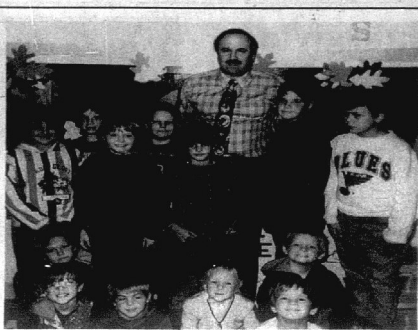
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Theta Epsilon inducts 118 new members

Theta Epsilon, Belleville Area College's Belleville chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the two-year college, inducted 118 new members at the October Induction Ceremony.

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Freeburg: Kristine Kessler.
Fults: Aileen Neeley and Eric White.
Hecker: Lisa Daniels.
Mascoutah: Christopher Lockwood.
Millstadt: David Rowe, Jaclyn Guebert and Michelle Traleur.
New Athens: Andria Matzenbacher.
O'Fallon: Christina England, Denny Wille, Darlene Leatherwood, Deborah Belshaim, Edward Burkley, Harold Rose, Heather Fisher, Janice Olson, Kimberlee Kerns, Mary Mabry, Melissa Stort, Nancy Mirtle, Tracy Stern, and Vicki Evans.

Red Bud: John Parker, Staci Curten and Stephanie Kuhn.
Scott Air Force Base: Amy Donathan, Brenda Edwards, Carla Reid, Holly Pottenburgh, Janalyn Hodges, Karen Jalbert, and Lora Marion.
Shiloh: Linda Fingerhut.
Swansea: David Wolfson, Felicitia Fisher, Gloria Lima, Mary Beth Hascall, and Melissa Schleifer.
Trenton: Jared Hammer and Kristin Hammer.



Good students — October Students of the month at Marshall School include, from left, back row, Jenna Griffin, Heather Beljanski, Nelson Provence, Michael Besserman, Dustin Campbell, Principal Virgil Kambarian, Joseph Butler, and Joshua Borkowski; front row, Chris Kudelka, Falisha Hoffman, Derek Campbell, Stiel Wall, Larry Turner and Kyle Jackson. Students not pictured are Jamie DeGonia and Michael Billick. These students were selected for outstanding citizenship, academic performance, responsibility and behavior.

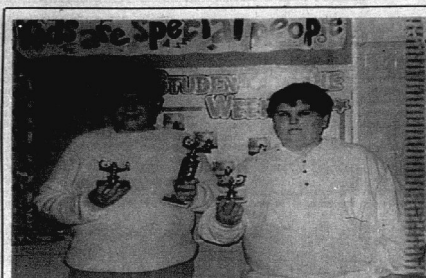
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Sunday, Dec. 15
Mars in Virgo is challenging the sun in Sagittarius, making arguments likely. Virgo's shy and retiring nature will help things out a bit, but still be on the lookout for a disagreement. Don't let egos get in the way, and try to see the bigger picture. The Aquarius moon will help you to think clearly and precisely. Say only what must be said today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Join new religious or community groups. Consider moving to improve a child's schooling. You realize a creative goal with help from a partner or relative. Elaborate social plans pan out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Implications of what a new love says are staggering. Conclusions are correct. Your family requires a decision. Ultimatums will not be enforced. Exact specifications are required for a new project.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You have been sidetracked by unimportant issues. Renegotiate contracts in a friendly manner. Take photographs of loved ones. Make preparations to entertain new friends. Move



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CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You learn fast through informal educational methods. Do not renege on a promise. Romantic endeavors are frustrating but necessary if you want a commitment. A Pisces offers a compromise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
A platonic friend is ripe for love. Roadblocks to career progress on your mind. Unambitious neighbors reject your fabulous ideas. Luck comes through an in-law or former colleague. A Libra pays debt.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 15)
A trip in March leads to a day raise in May or June. Money comes in February through relatives or old

friends. Luck in business comes in April, especially if you team up with a Virgo or Gemini. Romantic relationships take a dramatic swing toward commitment in June. New career possibilities abound in the next two months. Take care in accepting offers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Table your plans when other participants seem less than thrilled. Be a solo worker. Luck comes when you level with your current love, who really cares about you. Get realistic about what you can accomplish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Take your passions seriously. Rebuild family ties before you look to remarry. Find success through friends who are in similar financial or emotional states. You trounce competitors at sporting or group

event.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
The implication of wrongdoing is almost as bad as the act. Stepchildren may bring trouble. You have luck with short trips taken on the spur of the moment. Let go of old hurts with a Gemini.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Give to people who appreciate you. You have reached the halfway mark in a relationship, and now comes a period of work and compromise. The rewards will be plenty. Brush up on musical or artistic talents.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Shrewd partners could take advantage of you in a social setting. Troubling news about a teen is untrue. Solutions come when you discuss financial problems. Remarks from an Aries friend are not directed at you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Others bend rules for you. Help your marriage partner find dignity in a new profession. Give gifts, offers and invitations — accept them enthusiastically. A Capricorn rushes to your side.

'Crucible' makes stirring film

Arthur Miller's benchmark play, "The Crucible," is a stirring film, courtesy of director Nicholas Hytner, who proves that his 1994 movie debut with "The Madness of King George" was no fluke.

A seasoned opera and stage director in his native England, Hytner is a Tony Award-winner for his Broadway production of "Carousel." Hytner is that rare theater animal who seems fully assured on screen.

This time, he gets invaluable assistance from a screenplay by Miller that stands among the 81-year-old writer's finest achievements. The play may have been written in 1953 in the heat of the McCarthy blacklist, but its resonances have not faded. There's a more topical movie around.

These days, the fear is no longer one of being labeled a communist. Instead, Miller's depiction of the Salem witch hunts in 17th-century Massachusetts tape directly into the ideological baiting of the religious right and the persecution of "deviants" who fail to conform to the perceived norm.

That hard-working farmer

John Proctor (Daniel Day-Lewis) is brought down by adultery, as well; the wages of sin, apparently, have not changed.

The film begins with a covert ritual in the woods whose participants include the agent of Proctor's doom, Abigail Williams (Winona Ryder), his family's onetime servant. Stripping off her clothes and smearing blood on her face, Abigail is one of several women in the town given to sudden transports of ecstasy thought to be the work of Satan.

They soon are branded as witches. Frenzied accusations spread through the community abetted by the Rev. Hale (Rob Campbell), whose eventual recognition of the trouble he has helped stir comes too late.

The "witchcraft" turns out to be more like sexual hysteria — a contagion that strikes both Proctor and wife Elizabeth (Joan Allen). Placed on trial before the visiting Danforth (Paul Scofield), a judge as concerned with saving face as he is with justice, Proctor's morality is put to a potentially

fatal test.

He must confront the wrath of Abigail, a woman spurned who sees herself as "God's finger." Once accused, she is more than able to act the accuser.

Few works have the sheer moral weight of "The Crucible," and it's among Hytner's achievements that he conveys this potency without letting the film become high-handed. (In this, he's helped by a final image that elicits an audible gasp at a screening.)

Any priggishness comes from Proctor himself. Day-Lewis plays him as a rugged Marlboro Man of unwavering principles. The film might have been even more disturbing if one felt Proctor drawn — however subliminally — to Abigail.

"The Crucible" is a 20th Century Fox release of a David V. Picker production, produced by Picker and Robert A. Miller (son of Arthur); co-producer is Diana Pokorny. It opened in New York and Los Angeles on Wednesday.

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- If friends come to visit, serve sliced raw vegetables and low calorie dips instead of cheese, nuts or chips.
- Remember to stock up on diet sodas and soft drinks. These contain at least 100 calories less per can than their sugared counterparts.
- Replace fattening sweets with low-calorie stocking stuffers such as sugar-free gum and fruit.
- On late winter evenings, relax in front of the fire with a steaming mug of hot cocoa.
- Offer a toast on Christmas Eve with an easy-to-make, reduced-calorie eggnog.
- Combine two egg yolks and four cups of skim milk over medium heat until the mixture can coat a metal spoon. Cool.
- Beat two egg whites to a peak and blend into the mixture. Add one teaspoon vanilla extract, three packets of low-calorie sweetener and one-half teaspoon brandy or rum flavoring.
- Gently mix, cover and chill. Sprinkle nutmeg on the top for a holiday treat.

Tips on caring for your Holiday Plants from the experts at

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Where Beautiful Things Begin

Ten days and counting! The kids are beaming with excitement, the house is decorated and family gatherings are planned. There's a lot going on that makes this time of year something special indeed.

Forgotten anything? How about your holiday plants? It's easy to overlook them, that's for sure. They don't need a lot of care, though, but they cannot be ignored. Here are some tips to keep 'em healthy and beautiful throughout the holiday season.

Norfolk Island Pines prefer medium light from an east or west window, so if you have such a spot available, move the plant. If not, you may have to provide supplemental lighting.

These plants have a tendency to bend toward the light they're receiving, so it may be necessary to turn them now and then to keep their full shape.

They grow best in well-drained potting soil and should be watered when the top inch or two of the soil dries.

After the holiday season, the Norfolk Island Pine will require plant food every two weeks from April to September.

The Norfolk Island Pine can be kept as a house-plant throughout the year.

One Cactus, Two Cacti?
Cacti or cactuses, either word is correct; we happen to prefer cacti. Whatever you call em, they produce bright magenta, pink, white or lavender blooms just in time for the holiday season.

While they're in bloom, allow one quarter of the soil to dry between waterings and provide a flowering plant food. Several weeks after flowering, your holiday cactus will go dormant. Don't panic, it's normal. When it happens:

- Discontinue fertilizer. Water only enough to keep it from completely drying out.
- Wait for new growth before resuming the care.

watering and feeding schedule.

To initiate flowering, long nights (14 to 16 hours of darkness) are necessary. And you're in luck. Next week, the periods of darkness are as long as they're going to get. Cacti also need temperatures between 50° and 65°F.

Don't change the plant's position in light once buds have formed. This may cause buds to stretch and drop. Improper watering, low humidity, drafts or sudden environmental changes will do the same.

Poinsettias

Avoid placing the plant in areas subject to rapid temperature fluctuations. This can cause leaf drop.

Make sure the plant's foliage is not touching windows, which could result in leaf damage. Allow the top 1/4-inch of the soil to dry between waterings.

Don't overwater your poinsettia. As with most other houseplants, too much water is as bad as too little. You should only water when the top of the soil feels dry to the touch. Make sure the drainage holes in the container aren't blocked.

Customs of Christmas

We hang stockings by the chimney, but when did that custom start? Ever wonder how Santa Claus got his name? Check out Wednesday's column. We have the origins of these and other Christmas traditions.

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Watch Wednesday's Journal for some interesting holiday info from the experts at Frank's!

Choose games for children

Your child has been subjected to thousands of television commercials, each vying for a share of your wallet this holiday season.

How can you, as a parent, be sure that the game you purchase is a good value—in more than financial terms?

What points should you consider as you roam the aisles of your local toy store?

And most important of all, will your child have fun playing the game?

Game playing brings children, families and friends together for loads of conversation, laughter and good fun.

That's why board games figure high on kids' wish lists for birthdays, holidays and other special occasions.

Playing board games with children provides excellent opportunities for parents to become involved in their children's development, said Brian Sutton-Smith of the University of Pennsylvania.

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"Parents who participate in their children's play are better equipped to select and match toys to each child's interests and abilities," Sutton-Smith said.

Besides being fun, games are an entertaining way to teach children new skills, such as color recognition, matching objects, or following rules.

"All good games are educational, often in ways that are overlooked."

Preschoolers learn to concentrate and to follow instructions from simple games.

Older children increase their coordination from physical games, and practice memory, logical reasoning, and planning ahead from games of strategy," said Scott Marley, contributing editor of "Games" magazine.

Ruth B. Roubberg, toy consultant and researcher on play-related learning, asks

three questions of each game she reviews:

1. Does the game match the child's interest and abilities?

Three-year-olds are just learning the basics of game play.

A good game is only required to teach children how to roll a die and take turns, and every player is declared a winner.

At ages 5 and 6, many children are ready for competitive play.

Children ages 8 to 10 are interested in playing games on an equal level with Mom and Dad.

2. Is the game fun to play again and again?

The easiest way to determine if children would enjoy a game is to ask:

3. Are the game board and playing pieces durable enough to survive long-term play?

Parents need to consider the quality of a product when selecting a game.

Professors produce dissolving plastics

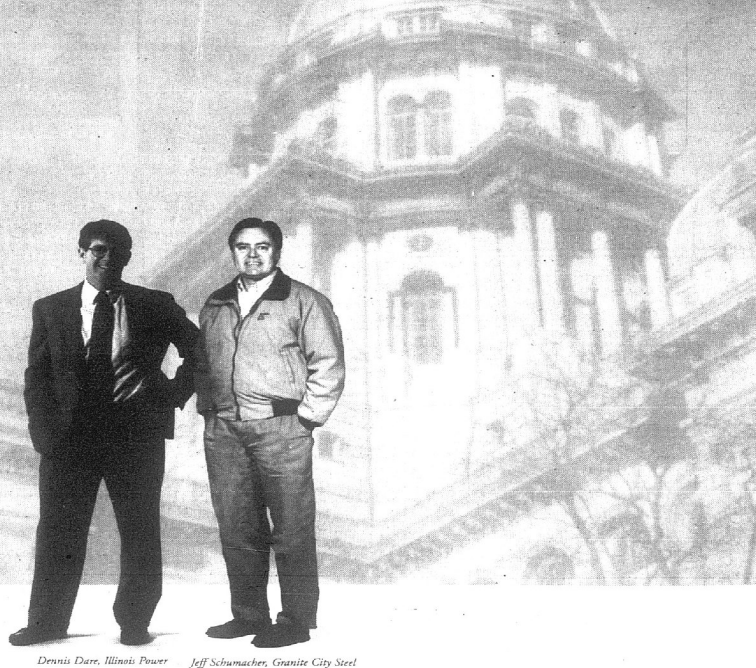
Designing degradable plastics for the food service industry is not a new concept, but researchers at the University of Illinois are offering an added incentive for food service companies: affordability.

Scott Morris, University of Illinois assistant professor of food engineering; L.S. Wei, professor of food science; and Graciela Padua, assistant professor of food science, are creating corn-based plastics that can dissolve in water in one hour.

Another option might be to serve food that can be prepared in advance and brought out for serving. If you do prepare the food yourself, avoid recipes that call for a lot of last minute work.

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Christmas success does not require excessive spending

Last Christmas season, you spent too much money on yuletide festivities.

This year you can still entertain relatives and friends without blowing the family budget, according to Amy Griswold, University of Illinois Extension consumer economics educator in Macomb. The success of holiday parties or get-togethers does not depend on extravagant spending.

"The pleasure of sharing with friends is the most important feature of holiday get-togethers," Griswold said. "A relaxed, friendly host and hostess who make their guests feel welcome will create more fond memories than those who are stressed from overplanning and overwork in party preparation."

It takes some planning to save money on holiday entertaining. Decide how much money you want to spend and how many people you would like to invite. Consider whether you want one large party or several small, intimate ones.

Also, take into consideration how much room you have in your home when deciding how many guests to invite. If you have a small home, an open-house or cocktail party might be preferable to a sit-down dinner.

Time and money are both valuable resources to manage for holiday party planning. You can save money by preparing all the food for a party by yourself, but if you must also do all of the cleaning and decorating while working all day, you might choose to save your time and energy by having all or some of the food catered. Weigh the benefits of saving money versus your time and energy.

Another option might be to serve food that can be prepared in advance and brought out for serving. If you do prepare the food yourself, avoid recipes that call for a lot of last minute work.

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Jerry Maguire (R) 11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
Space Jam (PG) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
Daylight (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

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1788 Clarkson Road, 822-4900
Jingle All The Way (PG) 12:05, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15
Ransom (R) 1:05, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Mars Attacks (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 4:55, 7:15, 9:40
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:00, 4:05, 7:00, 9:45
101 Dalmatians (G) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
The Preacher's Wife (PG) 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:00

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Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30
Space Jam (PG) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
Jingle All The Way (PG) 1:10, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15

CRESTWOOD PLAZA 10

2438 Crestwood Plaza, 888-8505
Jingle All The Way (PG) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
Jingle All The Way (PG) 1:40, 5:10, 8:10, 11:10
Ransom (R) 1:45, 5:20, 7:30, 9:55
Jerry Maguire (R) 1:10, 4:15, 7:40
Jerry Maguire (R) 1:50, 5:15, 8:15
Romeo & Juliet (PG-13) 1:30, 5:05, 8:05
The Preacher's Wife (PG) 1:20, 4:45, 7:45
The Preacher's Wife (PG) 1:55, 5:30, 8:30
Space Jam (PG) 1:15, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
Space Jam (PG) 2:00, 5:00, 7:35

CREVE COEUR CINE

10570 Old Olive Street Road, 822-4900
Ransom (R) 1:25, 4:45, 8:00
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:00, 5:00, 7:45
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 1:50, 4:30, 8:15

CROSS KEYS CINEMA

110 Cross Keys Shopping Center
Lindbergh & New Hall's Ferry, 921-8999
Check theater for shows and times

DES PERES 14 CINE

Manchester & I-270, 822-4900
Space Jam (PG) 12:15, 2:25, 5:10, 7:20, 9:35
Mars Attacks (PG-13) 11:50, 2:15, 5:05, 7:45, 10:10
Mars Attacks (PG-13) 12:50, 4:10, 7:00, 9:25
Jingle All The Way (PG) 11:40, 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Daylight (PG-13) 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 8:00
Daylight (PG-13) 1:00, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50
101 Dalmatians (G) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30
101 Dalmatians (G) 11:30, 2:00, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 6:50, 9:20
Jerry Maguire (R) 11:45, 5:05, 8:30
Jerry Maguire (R) 12:45, 4:05, 7:30
Ransom (R) 12:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30

Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 11:30, 12:45, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30
The English Patient (R) 12:30, 4:00, 7:20

EASTGATE CINE

Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, 254-5289
Jerry Maguire (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Jingle All The Way (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30
Daylight (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00
The Preacher's Wife (PG) 1:15, 4:30, 7:15
101 Dalmatians (G) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45
Ransom (R) 1:30, 4:45, 7:30

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINE

Edwardsville, Ill.
101 Dalmatians (G) 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:00
101 Dalmatians (G) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

ESQUIRE CINE

6708 Clayton Road, 781-3300
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
Mars Attacks (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
Jerry Maguire (R) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
Daylight (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
Ransom (R) Check theater for times

EUREKA 6 CINE

99 Hilltop Village Center, 822-4900
Jerry Maguire (R) 1:00, 4:30, 7:15
The Preacher's Wife (PG) 12:05, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50
Daylight (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30
Ransom (R) 12:00, 2:25, 5:00, 7:40
101 Dalmatians (G) 11:50, 2:15, 4:40, 7:10
101 Dalmatians (G) 11:40, 2:05, 4:40, 7:10

GALLERIA 6

30 St. Louis Galleria, 721-8722
101 Dalmatians (G) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
The Preacher's Wife (PG) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
Jingle All The Way (PG) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
The English Patient (R) Check theater for times

HALLS FERRY 14 CINE

2800 Target Drive, 822-4900
Set It Off (R) 12:50, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
Set It Off (R) 1:40, 5:40, 8:30
Space Jam (PG) 1:15, 3:15, 5:30, 7:40, 9:35
The Preacher's Wife (PG) 12:30, 3:10, 5:50, 8:00
The Preacher's Wife (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Jingle All The Way (PG) 1:10, 5:05, 7:45
Daylight (PG-13) 12:55, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40
Daylight (PG-13) 1:55, 5:25, 8:05
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 1:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
Ransom (R) 1:20, 5:00, 7:45
Mars Attacks (PG-13) 1:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:20
Jerry Maguire (R) 12:45, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Jerry Maguire (R) 1:45, 5:10, 8:15
101 Dalmatians (G) 12:40, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

KELLER PLAZA 8 CINE

Lemay Ferry & Main Avenue, 822-4900
Jingle All The Way (PG) 11:40, 2:00, 4:15, 7:05, 9:20
Jingle All The Way (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00
Romeo & Juliet (PG-13) 7:15, 9:45
Jerry Maguire (R) 11:20, 2:15, 5:00, 8:00
Jerry Maguire (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00
Ransom (R) 11:15, 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
Ransom (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:30, 8:00
Space Jam (PG) 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 7:30, 9:15
The Preacher's Wife (PG) 11:45, 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

KENRICK 6 CINE

7505 Watson Road, 822-4900

Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:15
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:40
Daylight (PG-13) 11:40, 2:15, 5:10, 8:00, 10:20
Daylight (PG-13) 1:15, 4:20, 7:25, 9:50

THE MINOR HAS TWO FACES (PG-13)

100, 405, 705, 845
Mars Attacks (PG-13) 11:40, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
101 Dalmatians (G) 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
101 Dalmatians (G) 12:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:30

KIRKWOOD CINEMA

338 S. Kirkwood Road, 955-1181
Microcosmos (G) 12:00, 4:10, 10:20
Jude (R) 2:00, 5:45, 8:00
Swingers (R) 10:15
Michael Collins (R) 1:30, 6:00
Big Night (R) 12:00, 4:00, 8:30

LINCOLN THEATER

103 E. Main (Belleville), 253-0123
Solo PG-13 1:30, 7:05
Maximum Risk (R) 2:00, 7:15, 9:15
Rich Man's Wife (R) 2:00, 7:15, 9:15

LINDBERGH 8

7545 S. Lindbergh, 487-0917
That Thing You Do! (PG) 1:00, 4:35, 7:00
PG-13 1:15, 4:40, 7:10
Independence Day (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15
First Kid (PG) 1:10, 3:10, 5:15, 7:35
Phenomenon (PG) 1:30, 4:50, 7:25
The English Patient (R) 1:20, 3:15, 5:10, 7:45
The Nutty Professor (PG-13) 1:15, 3:10, 5:20, 7:35
The Spitfire Grill (PG-13) 1:10, 4:45, 7:20

MID RIVERS MALL

1220 Mid River Dr., 278-2778
Jerry Maguire (R) 1:00, 4:30, 4:40, 10:15
Space Jam (PG) 12:30, 2:40, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
Daylight (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 7:45, 10:20
Jingle All The Way (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:40, 7:00, 9:15
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
101 Dalmatians (G) 11:45, 2:20, 5:55, 7:30, 10:05

NAMEOKI CINEMA

30 Nameoki Village, 877-6630
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 2:15, 7:00
Romeo & Juliet (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:30

NORTHWEST PLAZA 9

Northwest Plaza Mall, 822-4900
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 2:15, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05
Jingle All The Way (PG) 1:10, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40
Jerry Maguire (R) 12:45, 4:05, 7:10, 10:00
Set It Off (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05
Daylight (PG-13) 1:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10
The Preacher's Wife (PG) 1:00, 4:50, 8:45, 10:15
Space Jam (PG) 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:35, 9:40
Ransom (R) 1:15, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50

NORTHWEST SQUARE 10

11150 Old St. Charles Rock Road, 281-0688
Mars Attacks (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
Mars Attacks (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
One Kiss Goodnight (R) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
101 Dalmatians (G) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
Fly Away Home (PG) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
Ghost And The Darkness (R) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
First Wives Club (PG) Check theater for times

O'FALLON 15 CINE

1350 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill., 822-4900

Mars Attacks (PG-13) 12:05, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
Mars Attacks (PG-13) 1:05, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50
Jerry Maguire (R) 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:30
Jerry Maguire (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Jerry Maguire (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
The English Patient (R) 12:00, 4:40, 8:20
Michael Collins (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:15
Ransom (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00
Ransom (R) 2:15, 5:15, 8:15
The Preacher's Wife (PG-13) 12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:55
The Preacher's Wife (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 5:15, 8:10
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:55
Jingle All The Way (PG) 12:00, 2:00, 4:35, 7:20, 9:25
Jingle All The Way (PG) 12:45, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 9:50

PLAZA CINE 4

Troy, Mo., 528-2070

The Preacher's Wife (PG) 2:15, 4:40, 7:00
101 Dalmatians (G) 2:15, 4:40, 7:15
Daylight (PG-13) 2:15, 4:30, 7:15
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 2:15, 4:30, 7:00

QUAD CINEMA

Belleville, Ill.
Ransom (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
101 Dalmatians (G) 1:15, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
Jerry Maguire (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 1:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
Space Jam (PG) 11:15, 1:40, 4:15, 7:10, 9:30
Mars Attacks (PG-13) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10

ST. ANDREWS CINEMA

2025 Golfway Drive, 847-1133
Check theater for shows and times

ST. CHARLES 10 CINE

Hwy. 94 at Prairie Road, 822-4900
101 Dalmatians (G) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
101 Dalmatians (G) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00
101 Dalmatians (G) 1:30, 4:05, 6:30, 9:00

WESTPORT PLAZA 8

1095 Regency Parkway, 846-8000
The Preacher's Wife (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Jingle All The Way (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Daylight (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Daylight (PG-13)
Jerry Maguire (R)
Ransom (R)
Romeo & Juliet (PG-13) Check theater for times

RITZ 3 THEATER

403 E. Main St., Belleville, 253-3536
Rich Man's Wife (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:10
First Kid (PG) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:20

RONNIE'S 8 CINE

Lindbergh & Baptist Church Road, 822-4900
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:10
Daylight (PG-13) 1:30, 2:00, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25
Daylight (PG-13) 12:00, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 11:45, 2:05, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
101 Dalmatians (G) 11:15, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:15
101 Dalmatians (G) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
The Preacher's Wife (PG-13) 11:15, 1:40, 4:15, 7:10, 9:30
Mars Attacks (PG-13) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10

ROXANA CINE THEATER

Roxana, Ill., 254-6748
Space Jam (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00

SHADY OAK CINE

Forney and Hanley Road, 727-2810
Vertigo (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15

VILLAGE SQUARE

100 Village Square Shopping Center, 895-1050
Check theater for shows and times

WESTPORT

910 Westport Plaza, 822-4900
Big Night (R) 1:30, 5:10, 8:10
Looking For Richard (PG-13) 1:00, 4:50, 8:30

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